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he is far more sporting than the skin diver.
"The bubble boys pit two hundred pounds of human against five pounds of fish and brag about it for days."

What happens when a surf caster brings in a two pound striper goes unsaid. As for me, I'll cast in the spring, dive in the summer and cast in the fall and spend the winter reading about both. The rest of you can fight it out with your spears and hooks. I'm goin' fishin'.

Allan Ryan, Jr. 151 Oakleigh Rd. Newton 58, Mass.

I am being posted to Egypt this fall with the UN forces and would like to get in touch with any skin divers along the Mediterranean.

G. G. Sassevillo Box 837 Wainwright, Alberta Canada

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James S. Stone 15828 Sherman Way Van Nuys, Calif.

. I will greatly appreciate a list of good local diving spots from divers in the tristate area including Ohio, Kentucky, and West Virginia. I am compiling this list for our club, the Tri-State Skin Divers.

Allen C. Haney 2310 Harvey Rd. Huntington, W. Va.

. . I wish to express my congratulations upon the publication of Mr. Ramsey Parks' story on "Skindivingmanship" which appeared in your August edition. Although this was a humorous article, the prevalence of this type "diver" is everywhere. In our area we are unfortunate to have a multitude of these characters.

Rick Dayton Tampa, Florida



. . Enclosed is a picture of a 580 pound Jewfish taken by Bobby Simms from Port Arthur, Texas, and myself, Carl Neukirch from Beaumont, Texas. Bobby is a member of the Port Arthur Snorkel Snoopers and I belong to the Beaumont Hammerhead Div-

> Carl Neukirch 4735 Ironton Beaumont, Texas

... On many safety floats which fit around the waist the quick release buckle usually winds up behind your back. When wearing a tank, this makes it very difficult to put on and, in an emergency, troublesome to take off. I am sure other divers would be interested in what you think of this situa-

Barry Steiner 185 Gallatin Street Providence 7, R. I.

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... I enjoy your magazine very much. I thought "Alone In Shark Waters" and "Diving and Your Body" were especially good. Keep up the fine work. Terry Thwaites 11514 127th St.

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John Grim 34 Terrell Ave. Rockville Centre, L. I., N. Y.

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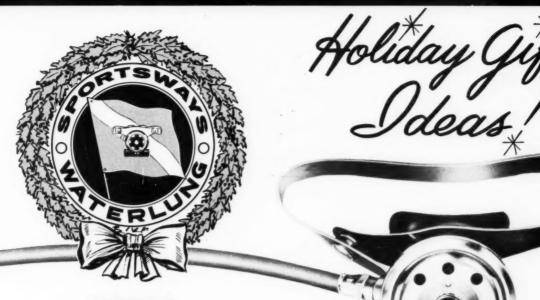
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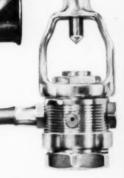
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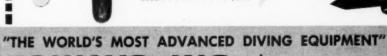
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... I have heard that there are recompression chambers at both Bonneville Dam in Oregon and the Bremerton Naval Base, Bremerton, Washington. True?

Bill Gilmer 13300 SW Fielding Rd. Lake Oswego, Ore.

If we hear from either place we'll confirm.

... In your September issue of SDM you mentioned twelve universities giving graduate work in oceanography. This appeared in Ross R. Olney's Oceanography series. I would like the names of these universities.

Randall Means 154 Highland Terr. Pitman, N. J.

So would many, many others, and Olney is hanging his head for not listing them. The information came from another publication but he has enlisted the aid of Lee Cozad of but he has enlisted the aid of Lee Cozad of Technifacts and come up with the following list. Texas A & M, UCLA, U of Southern Calif., Scripps, U. of Washington, New York U., Columbia, Mass. Institute of Technology, Harvard, John Hopkins, U. of Miami, Florida State, U. of Hawaii and U. of British Columbia.

. . . As an embryo skin diver but with no natural teeth, the article by Little Joe Mangus in your August issue was read and re-read in an effort to learn where to contact Joe for further information on his molded mouthpiece.

R. L. Hyde and Son 14 Candlestick Road San Francisco 24, Calif.

Little Joe Mangus can be contacted at 210 Burton Rd., Middletown, Ohio

... Most schools nowadays sponsor activities other than the three Rs. There are school clubs for almost every subject, science clubs, conservation clubs, Latin clubs, spelunkers, 4-H, etc. I see no reason why skin and scuba groups couldn't be organized. All of the fundamentals would be taught and elementary procedure in skin diving would also be instructed with safety, of course, the idea. Diving is a fascinating sport and I believe this way students from junior high through senior grade can enjoy the nation's fastest growing sport more safely and have more fun as a member of an organized group.

Leary Hopkins Prospect, Kentucky

An excellent idea, Leary.

I would like to get some information as to the diving facilities, nearby reefs and boats that cater to divers, in the general area of Acapulco, Mexico. Also the names and addresses and officers of the local Skin Diving Club.

Joseph L. Gruber 11 Rumson Road Livingston, N. J.

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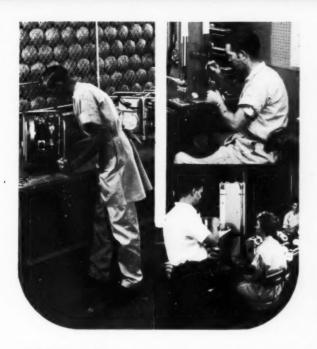
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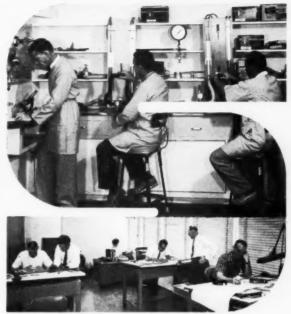
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One of the divers here has circulated an informal petition on this. It simply states, in essence, that the signers would like to see such changes in the laws as mentioned, no matter how limited in regard to species, waters, technique, take, minimum size, hours, season, etc.

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. . . On January 26, this year, Chuck Carroll and myself, both Honorary Members of the Ramey Sea Lancers, each misplaced a blue, wooden crate, containing diving gear and other personal valuables. Both boxes were lost at MacDill Air Force Base, Tampa, Florida. I recently heard rumor Tampa, Florida. I recently heard rumor that both boxes have been seen in the 72nd OMS Squadron at Ramey. These boxes are 18" x 24" x 36" and painted blue. I have been told that my name was painted on these boxes (BLOYE), but am not certain. If any person knows the whereabouts of these boxes, please notify the undersigned as soon as possible. A reward is offered for information leading to the return of both boxes.

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Howard V. Lang 311 Highland Dr., R. 3 West Bend, Wisconsin

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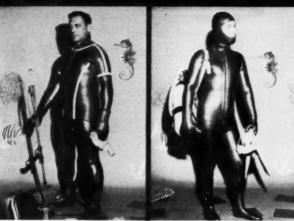
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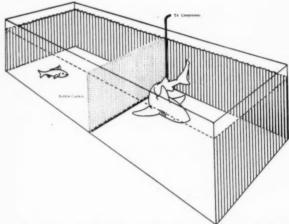
en was surprised when the man refused to enter. "He's the best doctor in town," Bill argued.

"Maybe he is," replied the friend, "but I don't like the odds he offers. Look at his sign there . . . 10 to 1." (Field and Tide, South Africa)

There'll always be an England and, truely, the sun never sets on the British Empire. Charles Lagus, British Broadcasting Company producer and Geofrey Mulligan, cameraman, were filming wild animals in the heart of the African jungle. Both men are members of the British Underwater Centre, well-known British diving club. Out of the green jungle strode a deeply suntanned giant, naked but for a pair of brief shorts . . . and on the shorts, a British Underwater Centre badge.

A modern day Livingston, you presume?

Well, not quite, but it did turn out to be one Noel Verrinder, who prefers the rugged jungle life . . . and is actually a BUC member of several years standing. (British Underwater Centre News)



The reactions of different species of sharks to an air bubble curtain are being studied by Professor David H. Davies, Oceanographic Research Institute, Durban, South Africa. The experimentation tank, illustrated above, is separated by a bubble screen with sharks, or sharks and food, on either end. Though many of the different species would not penetrate the barrier under what might be called "normal" circumstances, almost every species could be provoked to break through with temptations such as food on the other side. It became evident that such a barrier could be to some extent effective but that circumstances could easily arise making the screen almost useless. In fact, in some species, the tiger shark for example, the barrier was completely meffective. Experimental work will be continued, however, with the thought in mind that perhaps no single measure is effective, where a combination of measures may be the answer. (Field and Tide, South Africa)

Archaeologists hope to resume exploration next fall of the ancient Mayan sacred wells, or "cenotes," in Yucatan, Mexico, where beautiful maidens once were hurled to their deaths as a sacrifice to the rain god, Chac-Mool. Excavations had been halted when officials decided enough objects had been raised to provide study for months to come. Cenotes are approximately 90 feet deep and have been found to contain the bones of teenaged girls along with precious metals and stones. Such sacrifices were made by the Mayans between the tenth and thirteenth centuries, long before the Spanish conquest. (New York Herald Tribune)



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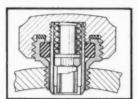


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Gordon V. Hamilton Oxford Fire Department Oxford, Mississippi

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Dick Myers Skin Divers World 195 Lake Ave. Worcester, Mass.

... I am interested in a career in commercial abalone diving. I would like to know what training is needed and where I can get this training. If you do not have this information, please let me know where I can get it. Also, congrats on a fine magazine. Keep up the good work!

P. M. Murray 211 N. Citrus #24 Escondido, Calif.

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Richard R. Pleet RMSA FAW-6 Navy 955 c/o FPO, San Francisco

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P. Todd Foster

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### Diving Newlyweds Get Guard of Honor

Noel Lankshear, Treasurer of the New Plymouth Underwater Club in Plymouth, New Zealand, popped the question to Miss Ann Gibson of the same club. She said yes and the wedding was planned. The above photo is submitted as evidence that the New Plymouth Underwater club doesn't let a marriage between its members pass unnoticed. With a guard of honor formed by spear holding club members, the bride and groom leave the church followed by club member best man Don McDonald and club member bridesmaid Shirley Williams. The groomsman and second bridesmaid were also club members, though we haven't yet received word on the officiating minister.

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The equipment can also be used, according to Thomas, by divers who suffer cold water pains in the ears, since the ear canals normally stay dry.

Further information can be obtained from the inventor, Mr. Linford L. Gard-ner, Scuba Queen, Inc., P. O. Box 6397, Orlando, Florida.

### **Diving News To** Merge With SDM

Diving News, the free monthly tabloid newspaper edition of Skin Diver Magazine, will now be published as a part of the March, June, September and December is-sues of SDM, instead of the monthly separate enity it is currently.

After ten months of continuous publication, Skin Diver Publications Inc. has decided to cease printing the edition in its present form with the October 15, 1961, ssue, as it has proved economically unfeasible to continue.

Diving News will now be a sixteen page insert printed four times a year. The insert will retain the title of Diving News and will be devoted to publicizing club and council activities, spearfishing meets, the Divers Calendar and other features that have been in the monthly newspaper.

This 16-page insert will be published on the last month of each quarter starting with the December, 1961, issue of Skin Diver Magazine and will be delivered only to SDM subscribers.

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Tickets for the showing will be \$1.25 and proceeds will be used to further the Atlantis Divers training programs. In the past the club has given support to the United States Spearfishing Team and aided in providing a recompression chamber for Chicagoland divers. Further information on the event can be obtained from Phil English, the event chairman.

### Pacific Coast Skin Diving Show

Remarkable success of the first annual Pacific Coast Skin Diving Show August 4 through 6 at Santa Monica's Civic Auditorium will result in major expansion of the next exposition, executive producer Harold Dunnigan, Jr., said today.

Dunnigan reported that public interest in commercial displays and crowds of thousands of spectators which resulted in occasional auditorium traffic jams were responsible for the changes in concept.

sible for the changes in concept. The 1962 show will definitely be an extra day, he said, to accommodate exhibitors and the public with the four day exposition which will be held at an earlier date than this year's August schedule.

"I think we underestimated the sports enthusiasts desire to see all available underwater gear and devices under the one rood—and to add to or replace their present equipment," Dunnigan said. "The 1962 Pacific Coast Skin Diving Show will feature a new layout of the auditorium for a better traffic flow and a greater emphasis on diving exhibitions."

Dunnigan said that a big surprise to many was the popularity of skin and scuba diving exhibitions and demonstrations of equipment, which many times had a greater audience than the purely entertainment aspects of the exposition.

Best description of the 1961 Pacific Coast Skin Diving Show was that it was a "complete" show, he said. While exhibitors were limited to displays concerned solely with skin and scuba diving, examples of everything connected with the sport were represented.

In addition to the latest in masks, flippers, snorkels, and other sports gear, other exhibits featured electronic communications and sounding devices, gold dredges, signal equipment, air tank compressors, recompression chambers, and watersports publications.

Transportation devices included pressurized and free-flooded submarines, underwater propulsion devices, surfboards, boats, and amphibious aircraft.

Other popular exhibits included a 40 aquarium display of marine life, a marine art exhibit, and undersea artifacts museum.

Dunnigan said that dates for the June 1962 Pacific Coast Skin Diving Show would be announced in the near future.



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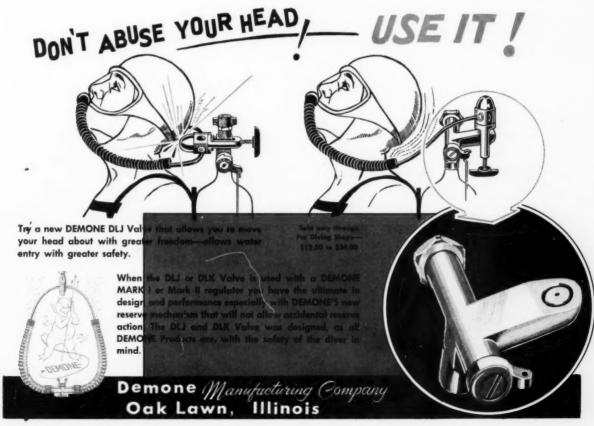
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... He is bolted to earth. But man has only to sink beneath the surface and he is free. Buoyed by water, he can fly in any direction—up, down, sideways—by merely flipping his hand. Underwater, man becomes an archangel."

So said Jacques-Yves Cousteau, first of the menfish and the man who started it all. With his invention of the famed "Aqua-Lung," his book and motion picture, "The Silent World," and his many and varied research projects,

Jacques-Yves Cousteau became diving's foremost philosopher as he led scientists and devotees into the magic of the underwater world.

Born in Saint-André-de-Cubzac, near Bordeaux, France, because his parents were born there, he was immediately taken home to Paris where he spent his young life. At least that part of it when he wasn't traveling with his father, and it turned out he was traveling more often

than not, including a year long visit to the U. S. A. Young Cousteau was no athlete. For six years he suffered from chronic enteritis and in his teens contracted anemia. The doctor's decision on this young man . . . he must, henceforth, avoid all strenuous activity.

Jacques-Yves Cousteau . . . no activity! Difficult to believe, viewing his life in retrospect. But the doctor's advice was not heeded, though his early life shows in his face and body. He is thin, his body gnarled, his face hollow-cheeked with a prominent nose . . . physically he appears carved and chiseled, almost crushed and twisted into shape by the great pressures of the sea he loves so well.

He can be comical, and when he is, he is hilarious. But when this man is serious, he can hold an audience's rapt attention with his commanding French clipped voice and his large, penetrating eyes . . . and his deep belief in his subject.

Cousteau graduated second in his class from the Naval Academy, then went on to flying school where he was on the verge of graduating as a pilot. Diving beneath the sea was of no concern to this French aviator, except perhaps as a sport for spare time.

Then, on a dark night on a winding road, an event took place that affected not only Cousteau's life, but the life of millions of others since. He had taken his little Salmson sport car for a fast spin in the mountains. Suddenly, the lights flickered out, with the car moving fast.

When the plunging car finally stopped, Cousteau's left arm was shattered, his right paralyzed. The left arm doctors insisted, must be amputated.

"You are the owner of your own body," Cousteau argued. The arm was set and his life in the ocean began. Constant swimming, he found, was helping to rebuild the use and strength of his arms. The swimming led naturally to diving experiments, one of which nearly cost this pioneer his life when he attempted to use an oxygen lung at too great a depth.

World War Two goose-stepped into France and Cousteau, still in the Navy, served as a gunnery officer aboard the French cruiser, "Dupleix." But the war machine of the enemy was too powerful and France was forced to surrender.

Cousteau, still searching for adventure, went underground.

His courage and daring again became apparent when (Continued on Next Page)



Couste au receives the gold National Geographic medal from President Kennedy for his outstanding work in oceanography.

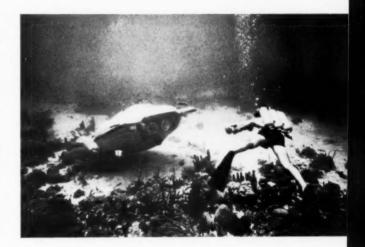


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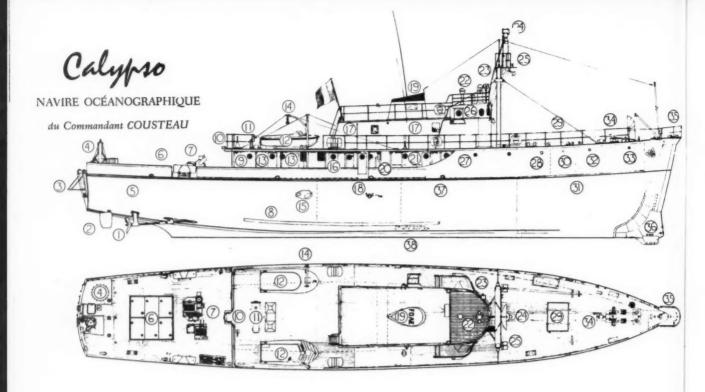
Denise, the diving saucer, is lowered from the after deck of the Calypso. Note occupants peering from the reinforced viewing ports of the deep diving craft.



Captain Cousteau puts his invention through her paces. Its maneuverability allows it to follow him around the floor of the Mediterranean like a puppy dog.

The Amphitrite is an air filled boat designed to carry Denise. It can be flown to any area, with Denise, in a medium sized cargo plane and be quickly ready.

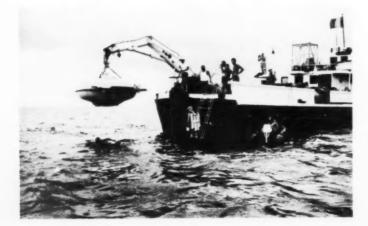




### NUMERICAL KEY TO CALYPSO FEATURES

- 1. Twin Screws
  2. Twin Rudders
- 3. Drawbridge Diving Platform
- 4. Yumbo Hydraulic Crane
- 5. Afterhold
- 6. Main Hatch
- 7. Oceanographic Winches 8. Engine Room
- 9. Diver's Room and Shop
- 10. Winchmaster's Pulpit
- 11. Recompression Chamber
- 12. Metal Launches13. Two-man Cabins Senior Members of Company and Scientists
- 14. Davits
- 15. Engine Exhaust Vents
- 16. Salon
- 17. Laboratory Electronics and Chartroom
- 18. Galley
- 19. Dummy Funnel-Storeroom

- 20. Transverse Alleway
- 21. Cousteau's Quarters
- 22. Compass Binnacle and Gyro-Repeater
- 23. Searchlight
- 24. Radar Antenna
- 25. High Observation Bridge
- 26. Bridge
- 27. Two-man Cabins
- 28. Lab
- 29. Forward Hatch
- 30. Passage and Ladder to Forecastle
- 31. Forecastle—Individual Cabins for Each Crew Member
- 32. Washroom and Laundry
- 33. Paint Locker
- 34. Anchor Winch
- 35. Hatch to Underwater Observation Chamber
- 36. Underwater Observation Chamber
- 37. Photo Lab, Machine and Carpentry Shops
- 38. Sonar Transducers



"Denise," Cousteau's famed diving saucer, is lowered from the rear deck of the Ca-lypso with Cousteau himself controlling the winch. Crewmen enter the little diving craft before it is put into the water. Presently under modification by Cousteau, the saucer will soon extend its 1000 foot depth limit.

### **MANFISH**

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he took a party of men dressed as Italian soldiers into Italian headquarters at S'ete. Cousteau boldly marched at the front masquerading as an Italian officer. The squad spent four hours inside photographing every top secret code book and paper they could lay their hands on, then escaped.

With the Germans occuping France, Cousteau met Emile Gagnan, brilliant young French engineer, and the two began work on a simple, fool-proof underwater breathing apparatus. Top German scientists were working on the same project, knowing it would be a tremendous weapon in naval warfare, but they paid little attention to the two non-descript Frenchmen who daily headed for the ocean with their strange compressed air bottles and attachments.

Cousteau perfected his "Aqua-Lung" near the end of the war, and was soon granted government funds to continue his oceanographic research, henceforth aboard the converted minesweeper, "Calypso."

His work since then is well known. He wrote "The Silent World" which has a world wide sales record of over 5,000,000 copies. The motion picture which he made and called by the same name is famed for its underwater grandeur and exciting story content. Famed also for awards it won, including a Hollywood "Oscar," which the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences awarded the film in 1957. "The Silent World" also captured the Cannes Film Festival Grand Prix.

His development of the "Aqua-Lung" is also very well known. American licensee and distributor of this Cousteau-Gagnan equipment is U. S. Divers Company of Santa Ana, California.

Jacques-Yves Cousteau is a lover of wrecks, particularly ancient wrecks, many of which his company has discovered and conducted salvage work aboard. On the floor of the Mediterranean, he and his team of divers discovered the remains of a 2,200 year old Greek cargo ship. They brought up much of the ancient cargo.

"A dead ship," according to Captain Cousteau, "is the house of tremendous life . . . the mixture of life and death is mysterious, even religious. A sense of peace and mood that you feel on entering a cathedral."

Cousteau, whose hobbies include painting and accordion

playing, is presently surrounded by a confusing web of profit making, nonprofit making and governmental activities. Inventor, Director of Monaco's Museum of Oceanography, film maker and scientist are Cousteau's professions, along with control over all "Aqua-Lung" patents. His most recent invention is a diving saucer he has named "Denise." Powered by electrically controlled jets of water, Denise is capable of carrying two men to a depth of 1,000 feet. Carried either on the after deck of the Calypso or in its own inflatable "Amphritrite," Denise is being redesigned to descend to 3,000 feet and Cousteau feels that even that depth is not the limit of the ingenious little diving saucer.

One of the greatest feats of the famed Frenchman came in 1958 when he actually anchored his research ship, Calypso, in 25,000 feet of water. This accomplishment, which exceeded all other deep water anchorages by over a mile, was done with a thin thread of nylon.

His pioneer work in deep water photography, in collaboration with Professor Harold E. Edgerton of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and his oceanographic explorations sponsored by the National Geographic Society, have greatly advanced man's knowledge of the oceans and made possible the mapping of some of the unknown sections.

Cousteau is called "the father of scuba diving" by divers the world over. What does he say of himself and his

"I have no home . . . my clothes are spread all over the world." The nearest thing to a home for this world traveler is the sparsely furnished cabin in Calypso. He is a firm believer in a rigorous training course for anyone with a desire to follow him into his world underwater, and advocates proper training to the point of putting newcomers to his own group through rugged days underwater.

Captain Cousteau is married to a pert, vivacious blonde named Simone and has two sons, both in their early twenties. Mme. Cousteau accompanies her husband on most of his expeditions. She says, "When we're too old to go to sea, we'll get ourselves a nice little fireboat and sail about some quiet harbor."

As for the future of diving? Jacques-Yves Cousteau is another of the believers in the much talked about operation to put gills in man. In this way man can enter the underwater world completely unencumbered by the devices of his own world... and diving will have taken the final gigantic step

Photo at right was taken from a direct underwater telecast on "Eurovision" international television network by Captain Cousteau. Future divers, perhaps some of whom will wind up in Cousteau's crew, are shown in training. The equipment is smaller, but the boundless spirit is obvious in the youngsters.



The Wreck of the.

By E. BRATON

### SHIPWRECK!

The dreaded word spread

Nova Scotia. It was January 14, 1914. Weather conditions were the worst possible and a blinding snow storm was raging with visibility zero.

The name of the ship in distress was "The Cobequid," a Royal Mail boat with a cargo of passengers, mail and rum, inbound to St. John N. B., on its regular run from the British West Indies. It was a fine steel ship with brass fittings, and now, due to a slight error in the reckoning of the Captain, it had come to grief on Trinity Ledge, seven miles off Cape St. Mary's, N. S.

An "S.O.S." was sent out giving the exact position of the wreck as "Gull Rock" located six miles west of Trinity Ledge. All passengers and members of the crew, were sent to the wheel house for safety and rescue boats immediately set out from the mainland.

The area of Gull Rock was searched for two days without success, and it was not until the third day, when the storm had cleared, that the ship was sighted. It had run aground on the submerged rocks of Trinity Ledge and although the ship was badly broken up, all the passengers and crew were rescued safely. It might be noted here that the Captain was commended for his part in averting panic, and by

maintaining order and discipline saved the lives of those aboard.

But what of the cargo? Especially the rum! Local fishermen, not wanting to see a good thing go to waste, managed to salvage their own private stock, and gay days and nights followed, with many toasts to the bounty of the Cobequid.

The savage sea finally conquered the steel and the ship broke up and slid beneath the waves, leaving as its legacy the tale of its disaster.

A sense of adventure, exploring the unknown, and delving into the past . . . to a skin diver a shipwreck offers all these possibilities. The opportunity of diving on a wreck arose for myself and my fellow members of the Hamilton Sub-Mariners diving club this past summer, while we were vacationing in Nova Scotia. The name of the wreck? The Cobequid!

On a bright sunny day in July we started out on what was to prove a memorable dive. We chartered a sport tuna fishing boat and at 12 noon we left the dock at St. Mary's and headed for Trinity Ledge.

Our arrival at the site of the wreck had been carefully calculated to the slack tide. It was extremely important that the tide be taken into consideration, since the strength of the incoming and ebb tide would, or course, be of potential danger to a diver.

We proceeded on course and began to don our wet suits, which would enable us to dive in comfort in the rather chilly (42°) water at Trinity Ledge.

At last we arrived, and the Captain anchored as near as possible to the buoy which marked the wreck. The sea, which had been fairly rough on the way out, was now fortunately relatively calm.

No time was lost in getting into the water as the estimated time of the duration of the slack tide was only slightly over an hour.

I dropped backwards holding my mask and mouthpiece hard against my face, and felt the familiar shock and impact of the cold water. I drifted down several feet, and looking up saw the hull of our boat and three or four feet beyond, my diving buddy, Lin Comeau. A few fin kicks and I joined him. Visibility was astonishingly clear, at least 40 to 50 feet.

Lin and I turned and clearing our ears, drifted down into a luxurious forest of sea kelp, resembling giant palm tree leaves. This kelp grows to lengths exceeding forty feet. It was a beautiful sight to see them bending and moving gracefully with the motion of the water, the schools of silver pollock and other fish leisurely pursued their way of life and calmly accepting us as a part of it.

On the bottom at about 45 feet lay the twisted metal wreckage of the Cobequid. No longer was she recognizable as a ship. I began hastily to look it over, hoping to find some small pieces yet intact and identifiable. In particular, we were hoping to perhaps come across one of the ship's bells

I was having a glorious time when suddenly, as I turned to follow Lin, I felt as if a giant hand had closed around me, holding me suspended in mid-ocean, unable to move up, down, or sideways. I realized after a few seconds that I was caught by one of the giant kelp leaves. I was now in a predicament as I did not carry a knife. (I now have one!) Now the old adage of "never dive alone" was proved. Lin upon turning to look for me—came back and with his knife freed me of the entanglement.

We continued exploring, with myself by now in proud possession of one of the brass portholes. Suddenly Lin stopped, and giving me the thumbs up signal to surface began to ascend.

On the surface an absolutely astounding sight awaited us. We were completely surrounded on all sides by an impentrable circle of fog and just barely visible, was our boat with a very anxious Captain beckoning us in.

When we were aboard, I learned what had happened. Without warning the fog had closed in so fast that the Captain upon seeing we were drifting away from the boat (we were trailing an inner tube on the surface) had no time to take in the anchor. He had tied a buoy to it and starting the boat's engine as a signal, had come about and followed us immediately to keep us in sight.

It was the sound of the engine that had warned Lin to surface. I had not even been aware of it and had wondered why we had surfaced when I knew that we had about 15-20 minutes air left. Although there was a discernable surge of the incoming tide, it had not yet become strong enough to bother us.

When I saw that fog, I was darned glad we had surfaced! For although Lin assured me that we would eventually have been found, I for one did not want to be lost in that fog in the Bay of Fundy.

It was a real tribute to the skill and experience of the skipper of the boat that we made it back to port without further incident. He knew where the bell buoys were, and was able to navigate back strictly by his sense of hearing.

The tangible momento of my diving adventure, the brass porthole of "The Cobequid", has a place of honor in my diving collection.

### ALASKAN GOLD

# THE HARD WAY

By BILL HUCKINS (Photos by Author)

RUSHING RIVERS...

FREEZING WATER...

PRIMITIVE CONDITIONS...

STILL THIS CREW DREDGES UP "COLOR"



A SPRINKLE of raw gold, small nuggets but big enough to pick up in your fingers, lay in the carpet on the bottom of the separator box. Gathered around the "color" were Joe M. Adams and his crew, matter-offactly evaluating the "take" and checking it against the time spent in getting this sample batch from a fresh location.

The occasion was of more importance than usual. This was the first work done with a new eight inch dredge that Joe had waited a long time to get. Things come slowly to Alaska, and Joe had been patient, but after a year or more of all weather diving in the fast and silt filled streams of the Kenai Peninsula he knew that big equipment, swift water, and back breaking work was the answer. Risking his neck in spots where no other divers would go, he had made out quite well with conventional small dredges, but the chances taken were enormous

SKIN DIVER-November 1961



Russell Hall steadies dredge as Joe Adams prepares to submerge in swift water.

Details of compressor are shown as Adams and Hall struggle with dredge.



compared to the rewards, and big returns only possible with big gear. Now with this much color showing after only twenty minutes of dredging it would seem that the pay-off was at hand.

The way to this pay off is fearfully hard and dangerous to the qualified observer.

The claim is in a deep canyon with a wild gray stream tearing down through its twisted gorge. Down under this tumbling stretch of water Joe puts in his long day's work. Starting around four in the morning, and often working until ten or eleven at night, he methodically digs out the sand and rock in the bed of the stream, taking for himself and his team the gold it contains.

Conditions here are such that few experienced divers would work in them at any price. Current speed reaches fifteen knots with a minimum of about seven. Depths are to thirty feet and visibility averages from zero to four inches. Sometimes it's ten feet through the gravel to bedrock with the

possibilities of cave-in accentuated by the hammering current.

This is a glacier stream with a temperature of thirty-three degrees. It contains moving boulders and chunks of shale from which repeated blows have battered Joe's mask and regulator out of shape. More than one hundred pounds of lead on a double belt are needed to hold him down in position. Water pressure has on occasions pushed the glass out of his mask.

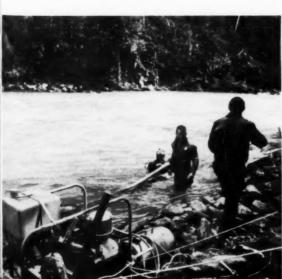
The quarter inch neoprene suit he wears has been patched and re-built. He wears through his flipper-slippers in a few shifts, and gloves need constant replacing. Fittings on his dredges are smoothed and padded to keep them from cutting into his shoulder as he rides the rig, slamming and bucking in the current. To maneuver Joe has to claw his way like a cat on a graveled tin roof, held upstream by a singing cable. Here fins would be out of the question. To be torn loose from the dredge and cable would be to tumble headlong down the rocky gorge with death a likely result\*. The point

was brought home when on one occasion an airplane innertube attached to the end of a long line got away, and it took all hands plus a turn around a tree to drag it out of the main current.

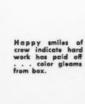
Spectacular as is this man's performance, this is far from being a one man show. Joe Adams is primarily an organizer, and it is evident in the layout of his "diggins." On a wooded mossy ledge above the canyon stands a neat cabin surrounded by tents, machinery and diving equipment. There is a shallow well, drying lines for suits, and storage facilities for food and tools. A well worn path drops down to the river where the dredges and flotation gear are rigged. A crystal clear little side stream provides washing water for the separation process.

Each team member has his well rehearsed part to play in the work. Nearly all the dredging is done by Joe, (Continued on Page 57)

\*Ed. Note: Since this article was written a gold diver did lose his life in Joe Adams' area by being swept away in the strong current.



The separator box is full and the two men come ashore to check their results.





# DIVING IN

Sure the Swiss are mountain climbers . . . but hidden away in those high mountains, are Lakes

# Switzerland

By WALTER A. BERTSCHI

**Photos by Charles Knigge** 

THE overall movement to promote the sport of diving in Switzerland is comparatively new and only within the last few years has experienced a very remarkable development. Initially only small diving group existed, each working separately of the other. Soon, however, the need and advantage became apparent to encompass these minor groups into an organization known since 1957 as the "Swiss Underwater Federation" (SUV). When the C.M.A.S. (World Underwater Federation) was founded in January 1959 the SUV became part of that international organization.

Seventeen Swiss clubs are now members of the SUV. As of today only two more clubs still remain independent. Switzerland, as the country of four official languages, is unique when clubs or organizations are formed since the members come from different speaking areas of the country. Meetings of the SUV are held in French, consequently continuous translating has to take place into Italian or German, for instance, to make all members aware of the business at hand.

The activity of the clubs centers around the diving education of its members as well as the organization of travels and other social events.

Since the lakes in Switzerland, unfortunately, are extremely dirty through sewer infiltrations visibility is very limited. Exceptions are the lakes high in the Alps which are often crystal-clear. Contrary to these conditions in the Alps are those in the lake of Zurich where, at a depth of only 10 meters (30 feet), we already find complete darkness. All these conditions require a special and careful education in diving. Requirements for Swiss Diving Certificates are adjusted to those presently enforced by the F.F.E.S.S.M. (French Diving Federation).

As in most of the lakes we find very specific layers of different temperatures within which a temperature drop of sometimes 10° C 18° F) is experienced within distances of only a few inches. It is necessary to dive even during the summer months utilizing protection suits. Many times the temperature at depths of 50 to 70 feet drops to 40° F.

In Switzerland special emphasis is placed in a thorough education of 'skin diving' with the cities of Zurich and Bern considered the leaders of the groups. Switzerland has established its own official testing certification program which encompasses a total of 33 individual exercises. Graduates are entitled to wear two insignias: the silver insignia testifies that the wearer has thorough knowledge and has perfected the diving technique while the gold insignia identifies the wearer as an instructor in skin diving. Due to the success of such an intensified program, Switzerland at all times has first class divers who can participate in the World Underwater Spearfishing Competitions, even though it is not situated at a seashore and

knowledge or experience of sea life is very limited. Some (Continued on Next Page)

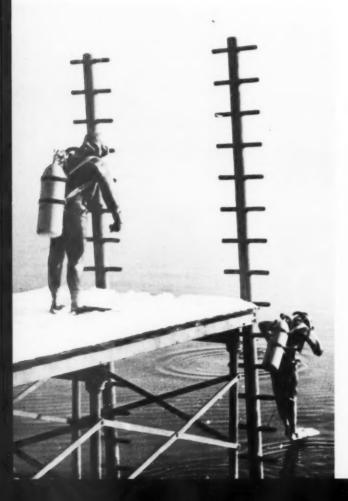


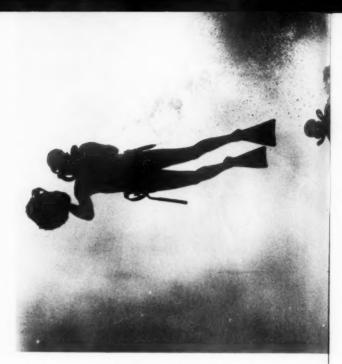
Above, Ewald Gassner, diving instructor, hangs suspended near the bottom of a crystal clear Alp lake. Below an instructor and student demonstrate a necessary diving technique, buddy breathing, in a ninety foot ascent.





Above, Swiss divers are on an expedition at 120 feet. Above right, Swiss divers collect marine animals and shells in the Tyrrhenian Sea of Italy as the sun beams down through the surface. Training in the winter is shown below as divers enter the frigid waters of Lake Neuenburg.





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of our divers are able to hunt in depths of 65 to 80 feet. Education in scuba is given partly in indoor swimming pools, partly in the lakes. Every member can, after completing the education series, pass Test Number One. These tests are conducted according to rigid rules. Additional difficulties are, of course, the poor visibility and the cold water which becomes evident when changing breathing apparatus with another diver at a depth of 30 feet or when removing the equipment at depths of 20 feet with subsequent surfacing and an immediately following dive during which the gear has to be located again. Even mask-clearing in extreme cold water is not exactly ideal.

In addition to the education in diving, numerous excursions to lakes within Switzerland and to the Mediterranean Sea are organized. Also we go to our lakes high up in the Alps where the water, even though ice-cold, permits the best visibility. Fish are encountered there which do not shy from divers but which can actually be fed by them. But even the lakes with less clear water reveal many interesting things. It is always a special attraction to float side by side over the milky bottom of a lake and watch the play of the underwater spotlight.

Our clubs are also performing in the interest of science. The Underwater Sport Center at Neuenburg, for instance, engages in prolonged studies of archaeological formations as evidenced by findings made near the sites of the ancient lake-dwellers. Furthermore, the studies made included finding the causes of water soilage as well as sediment deposits.

For two years now the Underwater Sports Center in Zurich has participated in voluntary work done in collaboration with the two Life Guard Organizations of Zurich serving the public. Especially during the summer months, groups of life guards with divers are on alert at all major bathing resorts and their equipment is ready for instant action.

Action by life guards and divers is possible within one minute after the sounding of the alarm.

Development of the diving sport in Switzerland has shown that, since every single diving event is of such interest, membership in the clubs grows and a yet stronger organization will result.

### OCEANOGRAPHY

By ROSS R. OLNEY

Tenth of a series on the importance of oceanography in the next ten years

# International Cooperation

There is a plan for a combined assault on the Indian Ocean, the largest unexplored area on earth. The seasonal reversals of wind direction, unknown elsewhere, provide opportunity for studying the transient state in wind driven currents in particular. This study will be conducted by the Special Committee on Oceanic Research of the International Council of Scientific Unions . . . an international group.

As in the case of the Indian Ocean, international cooperation is essential in several fields of marine research. Investigations of synoptic conditions over a broad area requiring many ships and measurements, such as the spectrum of sea level, requiring many observation posts, can be accomplished only by joint effort of oceanographers in

different countries.

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Specialized analytical techniques are available in only a few labora ories for certain geochemical measurements of marine samples, so international exchange of collected samples is required. The use of newer geophysical techniques, the measurement of gravity from a surface ship for example, makes the exchange of scientists necessary. Intercalibration of methods of biological collection and analysis is essential to obtain an ocean-wide picture of the productivity and distribution of populations of the sea.

A large part of the pioneering research in any science comes from individual scientists working alone or in small groups, but in a field as gigantic as oceanography, whose work table is nearly three-quarters of the surface of our world, the necessity for international cooperation soon

becomes obvious.

The ultimate goal, as discussed in the most recent section of this series, is a planned survey of the world ocean. And in the foreseeable future, the United States alone cannot be expected to have the large number of oceanographic research vessels nor the scientific and technical crews to man them to conduct the comprehensive survey proposed. But among the major maritime powers, the survey could be accomplished by planned cooperation, with the United States providing about 30 percent of the ships and personnel required.

The world ocean is a continuous whole . . . its contents move freely from one area to another. Yet certain areas of the sea bottom, the continental shelf for example, are under the sovereignty of individual nations, as are certain areas of the waters (territorial seas). International cooperation becomes very important in this light. Freedom of inquiry, intellectual freedom, and freedom to conduct research in any part of the sea is required for the solving

of the problem of an oceanwide survey.

Fish resources are a good example. Fish pay no attention to man-made geographical boundries, still they are of ever growing importance to man as a food source. Conservation and rational ultilization create increasingly complex international problems, particularly in the continental shelf areas, so the management of the living resources of both the high seas and coastal waters requires international collaboration.

Radioactivity in the oceans was discussed once before (Oceanography, SDM, June, 1961) but it is of such importance that it is mentioned here again. The utilization of atomic energy generates radioactive materials which

are introduced into the sea by testing, by the disposal of waste products from the operation of nuclear reactors, and by the disposal of low level laboratory wastes. Even now the deep ocean is being considered as a disposal area for high level wastes.

The adoption of standards and regulations to prevent pollution of the sea by radioactive materials is obviously an international problem. Control and cooperation, and a favorable political climate, are going to be needed when radioactivity is purposely induced into the sea as a part of tracer experiments to study physical, chemical and

biological processes.

As discussed in the Ocean Resources section of this series (SDM, April, 1961), there are almost certainly commercially important deposits of minerals on the floor of the deep sea, and in the very water itself. This is aside from the obvious importance of the mineral resources on the continental shelves, which are even now being exploited. These, however, are recognized as belonging to the adjacent coastal nation at present and are not an international problem.

But the potential resources lie in what is now considered as an area of public domain... that is they belong to nobody, and everybody. Of course at present they are not so abundant as to present a problem of ownership. The minerals of the deep sea are something akin to the oxygen we breathe or the salt of the sea, but what of the time when international laws respecting the right of exploitation are created? With an oceanwide survey, exploitation methods may present themselves. International coopera-

tion will be essential.

An extremely delicate problem may arise with the use of submarines in waters assumed to be under the control of another nation. Submarines will be an integral part of the proposed oceanwide survey program, still, with the threat of long range weapons, international law presently requires submarines to navigate on the surface and show their flag when passing through the territorial sea of ano her nation. This same law allows submarines to operate submerged and unidentified outside territorial waters, safe from attack. Without cooperation, a means of identification or a submarine surveillance system, an international mischief-maker could with complete impunity initiate a nuclear holocaust.

Three methods suggest themselves for international cooperation and control in marine sciences. The first, a nongovernment organization of scientists in their own professional associations. Perhaps inter-government organizations such as the United Nations will better serve or even inter-government organizations of a more restricted scope, concerning itself with oceanography alone. All three of these are active in oceanography today and could be expanded to cover the proposed survey.

With each nation cooperating in the single goal of a better understanding and use of our world's oceans, and with each nation contributing its ships and men and scientific processes on a fairly pro-rated basis, the acutely important secrets of the oceans will be revealed . . . and all of mankind will benefit.

Reference, Oceanography 1960-1970, National Academy of Sciences.

## WORLD SPEARFISHING MEET

U.S. TEAM THIRD; DEL MONICO TAKES LARGEST FISH



The winning Spanish team. Left to right, Bernardo Marti, Juan Gomiz, Jose Noguera.



Individual winner and new world spearfishing champion, Juan Gomiz, Gomiz, a sailor, has only been diving for three years.



Don Del Monico holds the trophy he received for taking the largest fish at the meet, placing him fifth individually.

Photos by Jim Christiansen and Eugene Shinn From material submitted by Gustav Dalla Valle S KIN DIVER MAGAZINE is proud to announce that once again the United States Spearfishing Team has placed very near the top among the best spearfishermen in the world. At the recent world meet in Spain, which the team was able to attend through the generosity of individual divers all over the country, the United States placed third with only the host country of Spain and neighboring France topping our team.

Since 1957, with the 1958 meet in Portugal the only exception, the United States has sent a team to the World Spearfishing Championships and without exception they have placed among the top four teams. This is in spite of the unfamiliar fishing grounds our team members must dive. In 1959 one of the members of the United States team, expert spearfisherman Terry Lentz, won over every other champion present to become World Champion Spearfisherman.

This year again, one of the United States team members distinguished himself by spearing the largest fish at the competition. Don Del Monico accomplished this during the closing minutes of the competion in well fished waters, and captured fifth place in individual standings.

Training in Spain was handicapped by a very strong west wind and high surf but at the end of the first day of the two day competition, the United States team stood in fourth place. The second day the surf was higher but six more hours of spearfishing lay ahead. Finally, near the end of the second day. the United States team discovered an area within the confines of the tournament boundry that was abundant with fish. It was ninety feet deep, deeper than most of the other teams cared to fish. Here, in the closing minutes, the team pulled into third place to continue a record of never having been below third since 1959.

The United States group consisted of Gustav Dalla Valle, International Representative; "Big Jim" Christiansen, Team Coach; and team members Don Del Monico, Eugene Shinn, Bob Manicki and Ray Sharp.

Eighteen nations were represented at the World Meet, with 52 individual divers participating. Some of these

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teams were government subsidized, with expenses being no real problem . . . some were sent by clubs or other interested groups.

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But not the United States team. Although many experts said it couldn't be done, the team, along with Skin Diver Magazine, wishes to thank the thousands of sportsmen who contributed money so that the team could be present at this international sporting event. You bought decals . . . and many of you bought duplicate decals when funds began to run short. You attended seminars in support of the U.S. Team. You beat the bushes to get friends to help.

YOU sent the U.S. Team to Spain ... and you can take personal pride in our team's excellent outcome. Several months ago, Skin Diver Magazine in an editorial, stated its faith in American divers . . . and this faith, as it turns out, was very well placed.

The credit for our divers having the chance to show the world our ability goes to you who sent them there.

From the team and coaches . . . from divers all over the country . . . from Skin Diver Magazine . . . Thank You.

### INDIVIDUAL STANDINGS

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3.	RipaItaly
4.	EscodaFrance
5.	Del Monico
6.	ValentinFrance
7.	Dames
8.	MartiSpain
9.	Shinn
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# DRIFTWOOD

Please address all notes, letters and stuff to:
"DRIFTWOOD"
Skin Diver Magazine
Lynwood, California

"The reason why so few good books are written is that so few people who can write know anything."

Walter Bagehot

Hello, you wetbacks,

As the storm clouds gather in the neurotic minds of the nervous characters creeping out onto the old jetty, the storm clouds are building in the winter sky. It's cold out here. Backward glances to the windswept beach are apparent but the colorful ones keep coming... and for that I'm glad. Lonliness, they say, is a frame of mind but as long as the roving romeos, the harrowed husbands, the wanton wenches and the tactless teenagers keep using the bubbling coffee pot as a beacon, it'll be no problem of mine. So you keep a wary eye on each other while I delve into the crux of the matter...

You can't be for real, but, if you are, there's hope for the male sex after all.

JANET RONDELL Chicago, Ill.

Tell you what, Sweets. You send me your complete address and the next time  $\Gamma m$  in Chicago . . .

I've just finished a very minor study of the last 34 issues of Skin Diver Magazine (with some emphasis on Driftwood), and have come to the conclusion that while the rest of the magazine has grown, enlarged and become more polished, Driftwood has remained an unconstructive, unwholesome, uninformed port of refuge from civilization. Contributees to it seem to fall into the following classifications:

1. Resentful notes by conformists whose ids have been disturbed; 2. Conniving females who are chasing their males onward in a search for Recognization and Togetherness; 3. Individualists who see sanity in your two pages; 4. The Just Plain Curious/Incredulous, and 5. Irate fishermen.

Invariably, in every issue is a note from someone (either pro or con, it doesn't matter) who states that the first thing he looks at is Driftwood.

Why?

Because Driftwood offers absolutely nothing in the way of: 1. Constructive thinking; 2. Useful information; 3. Refinement, or 4. Sanity.

What does it offer? Well, it offers a refuge from Creeping Meatballism, from Rules of the Group. This, I think, is why we turn to it firstly. Consciously or not, we know it's a place where we can relax and return to the days of the caveman for a little while, and indulge in the ridiculous. I say, long live Driftwood and foolishness! Long may they reign!

I feel better now.

BILL COUEY Santa Maria, Calif.

I'm not sure whether I've been complimented or insulted . . . but I'll defend to the death your right to say it.

When I first became a scuba diver and a reader of SDM my diving buddy told me you were a slob and that I shouldn't waste my time reading Driftwood. Since I was learning diving from him, I naturally followed his advice. However, when I received my latest issue of SDM one of your smart answers caught my eye and I wound up reading the whole column. He was right . . . you ARE a slob.

GARY RANDOLPH San Francisco, Calif.

Anchors Aweigh, mate. Maybe I'll get lucky and you'll get recalled to active duty or something.

Please don't imagine for one moment that I should presume to tell you what to put in your column, but, after reading the September issue, it occured to me that it would be frightfully interesting if you were to publish a frank opinion on the Irish by that charming chap Mr. Mack Murphy of New York City. Do try and get him to say a few words on the subject, there's a good fellow. Thanks awfully.

ALAN BROADHURST Yorkshire, England

What kind of interesting? Thanks how? Listen, I don't know how you feel about the Irish, but the U.S. Post Office gets fussy if you get off-color out here.

### DEPARTMENT OF REDUNDANT RAMBLINGS

I've been reading that crazy column of yours since I got my first issue of SDM. At first I thought you were some kind of a nut or something but now, after being around diving circles a lot, I've found your ideas on the banishing of women and teenage divers are highly practicable. I've been subverted to Driftwoodism and I love it.

JOHN SURINCHAK Gouldsboro, Penna.

Banishing of women . . .? Yeesh, what kind of a nut are you?

This is it. I've willingly plunked down my thirty-five cents, and then my fifty cents, hoping that the two pages in SDM labled Driftwood would either disappear completely or at least improve. No such luck. So, you can just cancel my subscription.

ROBERT O'BRIAN Lima, Ohio

And you can just get off my jetty if you feel that way . . . and leave the coffee cup, sorehead.

Since I've been reading your column, I'm a changed man. I agree with you on all this jazz of girls staying home and doing house type things, and leave the diving to men. They always seem to have the say on where and when you are to go diving and what you should do when you get there. Then when you do get to your favorite diving type place, they rather lie on the beach and soak up those sun type rays. They don't give a shark's fin what you do. Man, like I'm with you all the way on those degenerated gals who think they're divers, but, all in all, they are just an egg waiting to get poached. Dad, I think you are the coolest thing around besides the Michigan winter. Keep on writing those words of wisdom, man, they're the most.

ART GOMERY JR. Muskegon, Michigan

Like, who put the bomp in the bomp-she-bomp-she-bomp. Seriously, thanks, Clyde.

I know you hate this type of question, but I'm really interested. What's the legal limit on She urchins?

BILL GILMER Lake Oswego, Ore.

You're right, I do.

### DEPARTMENT IN FAVOR OF MORE BUXOM BROADS

After serious consideration, I'm casting my vote in favor of a "Beauty of the Month" as you suggested in October's Driftwood, and I hope you can persuade the parsiminous publishers to break losse with an award suitable to such an event in a young lady's life.

RANDOLPH MILLER Compton, Calif.

Well, actually, it was put a little stronger than a mere suggestion, and Olney tells me the tightwads are loosening. And if Olney can't do it, maybe a lecherous glance at Miss November will.



#### MEET MISS NOVEMBER

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This mixed up maelstrom of misinterpreted madness has done again . . . witness Miss Jackie Jensen, a honey blonde with you care) big, blue eyes. Her hobby? Next to dipping a fin, which she does with enviable ease, is, get this, automobile racing. Yeah, like with the Monroe shocks and the Iskenderian Cams and stuff. She also draws, plays the piano, designs her own clothes, skis, dances and eats pizza pies with the experts. What more could you ask?

Lucky photog Jim Olsen snapped this to give us a touch of

sunshine from wintery Wisconsin.

And we'll keep trying. Give these tired old eyes a break with a shot of your own delightful doll. If nothing more, Olney might paste it up on his office wall to make his long day in the world of paper and ink more endurable. And chances are we'll never run out of new months to lech through.

#### DEPARTMENT TO LET SELECTED WOMEN DIVE

Believing that women are most appreciated by men when we keep our mouths shut, our ears clear and our eyes open wide in wonder and admiration, I have heretofore enjoyed Driftwood in silence. However, such was my shock at the comments to Billi Mae Barkley in the September issue that I feel compelled to step out of character and write. Darlin', I'm proud of you for blasting that biddy 'cause she won't back her husband. you're absolutely right in being horrified and indignant because she objects so vehemently to her husband's plan to become a diver. But, honey baby, please don't call that poor, misguided, uninformed, narrow minded soul a "typical American wife." You have no idea how many of us wives encourage our husbands to be divers. For one thing, I know that after a hard week on the job, if my husband goes for a dive when he's back home he'll feel like discussing his day of pleasure, rather than sitting around the house like a dog or howling his lungs out.

OK, I confess my attitude stems from the fact that I dive too, but I'm beautiful, charming, sweet, understanding, sexy, and sophisticated, besides possessing a terrific personality, so with all that, couldn't you overlook the fact that my one and only fault is that I'm a woman with a passion to be underwater?

ELLY GRIFFIN Inglewood, Calif.

I could, and if it wasn't for Louise McDougall . . .

Is it possible to get a serious answer to a serious question on diving from you? Look at it this way. I'm a beginner trying to cliving from you? Look at it this way. I'm a beginner trying to learn. I've been advised to stay away from you if I want to learn anything. I've been told that you're not even a diver but just a beach bum making a living on our sport. I say different. I say that anyone who can take diving so lightly, and continue to come up with flip answers time after time, must really be a diver of the old line who has forgotten more than most of us heavy. So give you have been advertable I'm sink this time this know. So give me a break and prove that I'm right just this once. What do you think of the one hose regulator as compared to the two hose regulator?

RON STANKE Toledo, Ohio

Making a living, you say? But, OK, just this once. It is my considered opinion that regulators are definitely here to stay. Satis-

That O'Keith joker was nutty as a fruit cake, Fair Dinkum. Us Kiwis down here are glad to see you guys mentioning "Down Under" occasionally. Good diving in this part of the world, not many restrictions. Just one thing before I shoot thru, that old jetty and rusty old coffee pot boiling on same, can't accept, sorry cobber. Us Kiwis are tea drinkers . . . Dinkum.

TERRY, LES, FRANK and PETER Mt. Eden, New Zealand

Fair Dinkum? Cobber? Shroot thru? What is it with you guys over there and down under? First it's frightfully awful and now it's fair dinkum. Don't you sprechen zee Francois or nothing?

Seriously now, admit it. Those letters from mixed-up women who are constantly chasing after you are downright fakes, aren't

RICHARD DONOVAN Seneca Falls, New York

If I can just get these sexy dolls to stand back for a minute, I'll try to answer you . . .

We've heard your opinion time and again on women divers, teenagers, star mops, alcoholics and all the other things you have been harping on for years at SDM's expense. But do you have an opinion on more serious topics such as oceanography, diving physiology, and the effects of dumping radioactive wastes into the ocean's deeper trenches?

THOMAS RASMUSSEN Fort Waye, Indiana

I do.

#### DEPARTMENT OF STICKS AND STONES

Oh wise buddy, eternal defender of the sport and honorary keeper of the mermaids, why the hell don't you wise up and get some spice into your stuff? I've been reading the same old glop dished out by Driftwod for the past two years. The only relief I had was when the center page, your page, was missing from an issue. Apparently torn out by some lovesick, toothless female diver overcome by rapture of the deep, and yearning for some picture to talk to in her moments of solitude. Surely you have a two track mind . . . one leading you to your own watery downfall and the other to a list of every good looking broad, if I may use the term, that spelled your name right. Come on, smarten up. We want to see some pictures of a bunch of chicks assembling for a mass march against you. Surely you could at least do us a favor by putting Miss America in place of your tired words. At least for one issue. It would keep our minds off writing you nasty letters, and finding ways to place bombs in your type-writer. Incidentally, your jetty's as warped as your mind, only it's not so flat.

> GAVIN MARTIN Toronto, Ontario

What's with all you guys from the tea and crumpet set? On second thought, that part about a mass march of chicks against me . . . yeesh!

... and so the wailing wind blows colder across the splintered planks of the old jetty and the burbling coffee pot calls farewell to the shaken stragglers stumbling back across the lonely beach. But I'll weather it out, huddled out here until next month when I'll look forward to another rush of screwball types. Till then I'll endeavor to keep the coffee hot, if not fresh. Adios, Amigos.

KELPIE, KEEPER OF THE

KOFFEE KUP

## NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF UNDERWATER INSTRUCTORS

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#### CHICAGO

FIRST INSTRUCTOR CERTIFICATION
COURSE OF 1961 IS SOLID SUCCESS

By JERRY DZINDZELETA

THE NATIONAL Association of Underwater Instructors held its first 1961 instructor training, testing and certification course at Chicago during the week of August 6-12, This week-long program was the second if its kind and the first to be held since the original Houson, Texas, course of 1960 which marked the beginning of N.A.U.I. instructor certification. The Chicago course was also the first of four courses planned during the months of August and September, 1961. The N.A.U.I. teaching staff was chosen to provide training in the theory of teaching, diving theory and the latest information regarding the science of skin and scuba diving.

Sunday August 6th, was registration day at Chicago. The Glenview Naval Air Station was to be headquarters for the week of work. Early in the day instructor applicants arrived and registered at Barracks 26 which was their residence for the duration of the course. The applicants found themselves a bunk in one room of the barracks which was shared by student and instructor alike. Miss Nancy Gill of Chicago, Ill. the first woman to attend a N.A.U.I. course, was quartered in the wave housing.

The course opened officially Monday at 8 a.m. with an introductory talk by Mr. Neal Hess. Mr. Hess is N.A.U.I.'s Chairman of the Board of Directors. He discussed the structure of and the formation of N.A.U.I. and then outlined the week's activities. The week was to be one of hard work for the applicants as well as for the instructors.

Each day began at 8 a.m. The entire morning from 8 a.m. until 12 noon was devoted to lecture sessions conducted by various instructors. Class was resumed after a one-hour lunch period. From 1 p.m. until 3 p.m. was also devoted to lecture sessions. The time from 3:15 to 5:30 p.m. was the daily pool work session. At 7:30 p.m. class resumed again until 9:30 p.m. and later was used for lecture and practice teaching by the instructor candidates.

teaching by the instructor candidates.

The instructor candidates learned each was required to pass a thorough swimming ability test during the first day's pool session. Each candidate, by the end of the sec-

ond day, was also required to complete a physical fitness test. The first two days and the late evening of those days found many men, in hall ways and barracks rooms, struggling to complete push-ups, chin-ups, and other strenuous exercises. Complaints regarding sore muscles could be heard throughout the week at the Glenview Naval Air Station.

Mr. Hess lectured on the physics of diving and in doing so offered many new insights into the problems of understanding and teaching physics as it is related to diving. Mr. Hess also taught "Practical Aspects of Diving Instruction."

Mr. Al Tillman taught by far the

Mr. Al Illman taught by far the greatest number of hours of anyone present at Chicago. Mr. Tillman is former Director, Underwater Activities, Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation. He is Associate Professor of Public Recreation at the Los Angeles State College. Mr. Tillman's lectures covered many hours of many days of the Chicago course but his topic, "Teaching Techniques," required all the time that could be devoted to it.

Six hours were spent under the direction of Dr. Walter Kirker, author of "Medicine Under Pressure" in Skin Diver Magazine. Dr. Kirker's interest in diving is more than casual as he attended the Navy's underwater swimmer school so that he might learn first hand about the medical problems of diving. His major topic for the Chicago course was the medical aspects of diving and his lectures were one of the high points of the week. Dr. Kirker, at one of his lecture sessions, demonstrated closed-chest-cardiac-massage. This is a new highly effective method of starting a heart which has stopped beating without opening the chest. The system can be used by laymen with no more difficulty than artificial respiration.

Mr. Hal Lattimore, accomplished lawyer and diver, lectured on the legal aspects of diving. This subject is often overlooked by diving instructors. Mr. Lattimore's lectures aroused an interest in understanding the problems of liability involved in teaching diving. His lectures included the always interesting laws of salvage. Salvage law is

greatly misunderstood by the new diver and Mr. Lattimore's information did a great deal to clarify the subject

deal to clarify the subject.

Mr. Donald McNaught, Fishery Biologist of the University of Wisconsin Department of Zoology presented an interesting lecture regarding fresh water fish life, limnology and many other subjects which were new to most of the instructor candidates.

The pool instruction was to develop ability and teaching underwater skills. Pool work was taught by Mr. Ralph Erickson and Mr. Jerry Dzindzeleta. Mr. Erickson operates a diving school and is an accomplished swimming and diving instructor. Mr. Dzindzeleta is author of N.A.U.I. Fresh Water Instruction course, and taught diving first-aid and lifesaving during the course at Chicago.

A highly technical and revealing lecture session on scuba equipment was presented by Mr. Al O'Neil.

An unexpected visit and lecture by the recognized diving author Bill Barada was well received. His writings started many people on their underwater adventures (including some of the Chicago students.)

The candidates, after a few days of meeting and getting to know each other, expressed a feeling that was shared by the N.A.U.I. instruction staff. This was the feeling that the men who had come to the certification program were all of extensive experience in the field of diving and were all people interested in improving the sport of diving. They were all earnest in their desire to become efficient instructors.

Each instructor candidate was required, during the latter half of the week, to present two lectures on individually assigned topics. They had to utilize the teaching techniques they had learned earlier in the week. The first lecture was evaluated and the mistakes pointed out so that each student could prepare an improved second lecture which was graded by the staff. This was the first in a number of tests which determined whether or not a student would be certified. Friday afternoon's pool session, consisted of an underwater teaching ability test. Friday was the time for a very complete written test.

Saturday morning there was one last obstacle to pass. The open water test. The test was at Racine Aqualand, 60 miles north of Chicago, on the outskirts of the city of Racine, Wisconsin. It is a fresh water spring fed quarry. The water is some of the clearest and deepest in this part of the country. This was the last test of the N.A.U.I. Chicago certification program.

The graduation ceremony and banquet was held at the Racine Meadow Brook Town and Country club only a short distance from the Aqualand quarry.

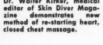
Thirty applicants came to Chicago. Three came from California and several men came from parts of Canada. Everyone present had sacrificed time, effort and money. Twenty-four people became certified N.A. U.I. instructors. Each of these people was awarded three symbols of certification. Neal Hess congratulated and gave each instructor a graduation certificate, a wallet sized N.A.U.I. Instructors certification card and the N.A.U.I. patch.

Mr. Hess explained that Certification as a N.A.U.I. Instructor designates that instructor as a competent, highly qualified, and experienced person who has met the requirements of probably the most difficult and thorough diving instructor training program of a non-military nature. He went on to stress that instructor certification cannot be abused. Its possession was an oath to uphold the high standards of diving instruction set forth by the National Association of Underwater Instruction.

After hours push-ups. In-structor candidates struggle through last minute work-outs to help them pass rugged physical require-ments.



Dr. Walter Kirker, medical editor of Skin Diver Maga-zine demonstrates new method of re-starting heart, closed chest massage.





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Instructor Candidates give each other a final equipment check before pool test. Lone woman student appears re-laxed and confident.



Neal Hess, foreground, dis-cusses open water test tech-niques with Al Tillman, who obviously plans to follow students to the bottom.

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D. L. BERGMAN
(Photos by Author)

These sharks like fish, not people . . .

And they'll steal your catch if they can

I T WAS MY FIRST DIVE in the waters of Rangiroa, one of the northeastern atolls of the Tuamoto archipelago, about 400 miles from Tahiti. Having been diving in Tahiti, Moorea and Bora Bora for about four months, I reacted a little blase to the tales I had heard of Rangiroa. I had seen a few sharks before—never had any close calls at all. In fact, the sharks seemed to be frightened of me. So I had evolved my own shark behavior theory: "Leave them alone and they will not bother you." In a few seconds now, I was to modify my theories substantially.

Now that I look back on this first dive, I can see that my native "friends" were giving me the business. Not all diving in Rangiroa is as dramatic as in this particular area. Here I was, an American, armed to the teeth with spear guns, .38 caliber power head, knives, underwater 16 mm camera, depth gauges and enough spares to keep me diving for months. With a letter of introduction from mutual Tahitian diving friends, I sought out the local divers and was received most graciously. I told them I was a real nut on spearfishing and could they suggest their best area for the "big ones"? There was a spirited exchange in Tahitian that I couldn't understand, but now I'm sure could have been translated as: "Let's take this rube out to the pass and see how he holds up."

So we headed for the pass-about 15 of us. I was

familiar with the usual homemade, but very effective, wooden stock Tahitian gun, but these chaps were also armed with a new gadget; a long pole, 10-12 feet, with a big spike attached to the end. Obviously this was to poke at fish or sharks, but I wondered why these, the greatest of Tahitian spearfisherman, would bother with

such a precaution.

Rangiroa is a classic example of the South Seas atoll. A low lying fringe of land formed an oval ring with one or maybe two narrow passes into the deep lagoon. The deep, calm lagoon, I learned later, is where most fishing is done. But not today. Today we went to the pass! Just off the shore of the pass there is a reef only about eight feet down. Then this reef ledge drops straight down to the bottom of the pass, about 80 feet. Hanging suspended over the reef I could easily see to the bottom of the pass. And it was loaded with beautiful fish—groupers, parrot fish, yellow tails, jacks, etc. Two large spotted sting rays rested on the sandy bottom.

Perfect visibility.

I quickly made my first dive. There were so many fish it was almost frustrating to decide which one to bag. I selected a big fat grouper lazily cruising along the edge of the reef at about 50 feet. The grouper was not in the least bit skittish and it was a very easy shot. As I lined up on him I thought to myself, "how easy—hardly

any sport at all."

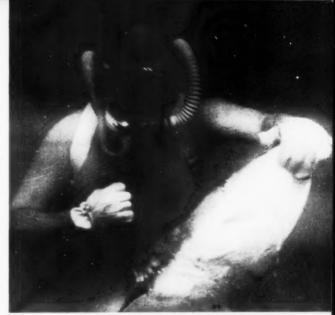
But then my world changed. I now know the cold empty feeling experienced by the chap when he feebly says, "I didn't know the gun was loaded." After spearing the fish I started to pull in the line and slowly drift to the surface. There was no hurry. I had plenty of time. And then—SWISH—a very fast and very big seven foot White Tip shark zoomed out of somewhere and plucked that fish off my spear.

It was like it had disappeared!

Another shark, only a fraction of a second later, made a pass at the bare spear. And another and another. Where did all these sharks come from? One headed straight for me. After the initial shock of losing my fine catch and finding myself among six or eight very active and very unfriendly looking sharks, I snapped out of my languid mood and headed for the surface fairly rapidly.

But this one shark followed me right up.

There was no time to really analyze the situation—you know, the old saw about clicking two rocks together, or whistling underwater, or staring the shark down—I just kicked him in the face. He veered off. I reached the surface and the protective shallow reef. My diving companions had witnessed my introduction to the sharks of Rangiroa. I still can't quite see the humor of the situation, but evidently my friends could as they were laughing like this was the funniest thing they had seen in many a moon. My metamorphosis from a blase diver, not too



Author Bergman gives one of the robbers his comeuppance for swiping a particularly nice fish. With one eye on Bergman's fist, the shark promises to reform.

upset with a shark or two around, to a most rattled and frightened lad was quite speedy—like one second!

Now, I don't know if that shark would have attacked me or not. I think it had such a thought in mind. At this moment in life I would have welcomed the opportunity to retreat to the nearest bar and consider all angles, but the rest of the gang had no such plans—they settled down to some serious fishing. I watched them and soon joined them.

Let me describe what is certainly one of the most exciting spearfishing techniques I have ever experienced. It seems that the presence of big fish and ideal diving conditions is directly correlated to the size and quantity of the sharks; or is it vice versa? Anyway, the sharks stayed—always 10 to 30 of them.

You soon learn that there are sharks, and there are

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Left, Bergman readies his underwater camera for the "line-up" be low. Right photo proves that all the beauties, and dangers, are not underwater in the South Seas.



The DIVING GIRLS



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## POHANG

Sure enough, there are skin divers everywhere, and they are all the same: hospitable and enthusiastic. We were not surprised, therefore, to see face plates and swim fins very much in evidence among the U. S. Marines at the Advisory Group Head-quarters at Pohang, Korea. It was June, and the early summer sun sparkled brightly over the blue ocean of the Far Pacific. On the shore the peaceful green hills of Korea, which were bloody military objectives so few years ago, stood in quiet tranquility. This time we were there for more peaceful and much more pleasant adventures.

Equipped with light skin diving equipment through the courtesy of our hosts, we were headed for the series of cliffs and coves just south of the little city of Pohang. The dirty little road wound

WHILE THE MEN BABYSIT, THESE GIRLS DIVE FOR DINNER

#### By MAJOR HOWARD D. STEWART, USMC

through the peaceful countryside to the music of the Oriental cuckoos, leading us finally to a forested cliff overlooking a small, half-moon beach.

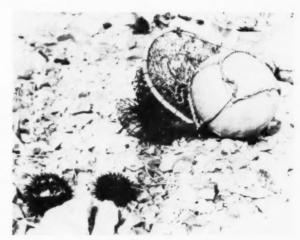
When we reached the beach, complete with our picnic lunch, fins, snorkel, face plates and air mattresses, we found it busily occupied by citizens of a small fishing village located on the cove to our left. There were tiny Korean children playing nakedly and happily in the sun under the watchful eyes of their elder sisters and brothers. There, too, we encountered one of the most ancient diving communities of the world, the Diving Girls of Pohang.

This "Pohang Skin Divers Club" has probably been in its unchartered existence for many centuries. No one seems to know how long these Korean girls have been diving here; the girls themselves certainly do not know. They know only that their mothers and grandmothers dived in the same rocky waters, and their daughters will probably do the same in the years to come. The Oriental feels that experience has shown quite clearly that women make better skin divers than men due to their better resistance to cold. Something to do with fatty tissue they say. In any case, after experiencing an afternoon in those cold northern waters, we felt that perhaps the Orientals were right.

The girls come mostly from several small islands at the southern tip of the Korean peninsula. When they reach their teens, they go to work as divers at Pohang during the summer. The money that they so laboriously accumulate becomes their dowry for marriage. When they save up enough money, they "buy" a husband in their home islands. However, their diving doesn't end at marriage but



Ready for a dive in her unusual bathing suit, this girl pauses on her way to work for a family portrait.



The diving girl's float, net and remains of lunch.

continues through the years. During the summer months, their husbands remain comfortably at home and baby-sit while mamma works at her trade. As Asiatic children are all well-disciplined and generally a joy to have around, perhaps the husbands have the best of this deal.

The riches of the Pohang coast are many, but the girls, through lack of spearguns or weapons of any type, content themselves mostly with the delicious and tender seaweed found along the bottom. Many Americans regard the eating of seaweed by Oriental peoples as vaguely akin to eating crabgrass, but it really isn't bad when fixed correctly and eaten with the hot Korean sauces. Scientists have stated many times that seaweed contains valuable minerals and other beneficial food properties too long neglected by Western peoples. The Asians certainly thrive on it. Besides the seaweed, the girls dive for clams, mollusks of all types and sea urchins. The latter, which they handle with their bare hands, are considered a great delicacy. The little creature is simply opened with a knife and consumed on the spot. It is said to taste like an oyster though we politely refused those offered to us by the obliging girls

The equipment of these girls is worthy of note. Their dress consists of a white smock-like garment not unlike the Ku Klux Klan's. A white, pointed headdress completes the illusion. The whole thing is laced up the girl's side like the sexier models of some of our Western women's bathing suits. The color white is used as it is supposed to frighten away sharks. The girls do not have swim fins, face plates or snorkels, but use only the wooden Japanese-style goggles that we pre-World War II divers remember with such disfavor. We saw only one girl who had a face mask, and this was regarded as the height of luxury. Their knives are simple, curved blades tied by hand onto wooden handles. While not very fancy, perhaps, these knives seem perfectly adequate to cut seaweed and pry loose shellfish. The most interesting part of the girls' equipment proved to be their floats, which were large gourds about the size of swollen basketballs. Tied to each gourd was a circular net which holds the diver's harvest until she reaches shore.

The girl's technique is simply to wade into the ocean and, while holding onto the float with both hands, kick out to the hunting grounds. Not having snorkels, they have a tiring and inefficient task while searching for their underwater targets, but they seem to make the best of it, giggling and laughing away like girls anywhere. When they spot a particularly succulent strip of seaweed or an exceptionally juicy-looking sea urchin below, down they go,

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knife in hand, collect it and place it in their nets after surfacing.

After getting their breath back, their final step after each dive is to whistle!

That's right, they whistle!

This stopped us for a while before we realized the purpose. The whistle is to see if they are too cold to continue in the water. The theory is that as long as they can whistle, they are not too cold, but when their lips are too chilled to produce a lusty whistle, it is time to go ashore. Let it be stated here that the waters off Korea in June are not unlike those off Maine! In other words, icy! We Western-type skin divers, all male (worse luck), found that about twenty minutes in those waters at a time was all we could stand. The girls, being girls and being used to the waters of their country, seemed able to stand the cold quite comfortably for at least two hours at a time; more than enough time to fill their little nets with "goodies."

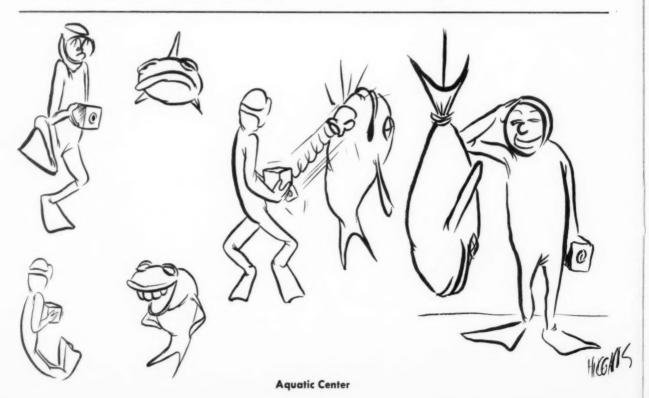
The girls of Pohang were fascinated by our equipment. They understood the swim fins at once, had seen or tried face masks at one time or another, but had never seen snorkels before and were immensely curious about their use. When they observed our use of this practical but simple little gadget, they were both excited and delighted, and nothing would do but they simply had to try them.

Although primitive, these gals are professional divers in every sense of the word, and they understood how to use snorkels without any instruction at all, delighting in being able to observe the bottom without having to continually surface for air. Our spearguns were of equal interest, particularly among the small boys who appeared, as small boys always do in the Orient, to observe and ponder the strange ways of the "mysterious West." In our bright colored swimming trunks, fins, masks and snorkels, we

must have presented a truly exotic sight to those simple fisher-folk.

Trying the waters ourselves, we found depths averaging about fifteen feet and most interesting. Below us were huge boulders, some tall enough to stand on with our heads above water. Around the rocks, and swaying back and forth with the ocean swell, was a forest of seaweed of all types. Through this underwater forest below us swam all sorts and sizes of fish; some looked like sea bass and some we could not seem to identify at all, but they were of good pan size, from ten to twenty inches in length. Hunting them proved surprisingly difficult because of the rocks and weed, which blocked our visibility and impeded our stalk. California spearfishermen will probably laugh at our difficulty, being accustomed and experienced to spearing in beds of seaweed, but we were used to the easy hunting of the central Pacific, with its colored coral, unlimited visibility, warmth . . . and venomous sea snakes. We were out of our normal habitat, blue with cold, covered with slimy seaweed and distracted by playful diving girls, who plunged, giggled and whistled about us like a school of porpoises. The only shots we could make at the fish were from above, and, as all spearfishermen know, shooting at the narrowest side of a fish just isn't the best way to get him. What made our problem even greater was that, after each shot, we would have to make one or two more dives just to retrieve our spears from the seaweed jungles. Our spirits were not vastly improved by the taunting girls, who expected more than empty spear from the American Raj, and happily shouted, "Sakana-wa doko dess-ka?" (Where are the fish?) in Japanese they found we understood . . . then giggled wildly!

All of this made us wish that we had some wet suits and our scuba gear with us so that we could really get some fish to show for the glory of American skin diving, but, then, maybe we would have looked even more ludicrous... to the Diving Girls of Pohang.



#### BOB CAHILL

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Bob Cahill, who is spotlighted as our personality this month, is well-known to Skin Diver readers as the author of many interesting articles over the past years.

He is extremely interested in training divers, basic and safe use of diving techniques and has been active not only on the east coast where he lives, but also introduced diving training programs in the

Red Sea area while stationed there in the Army.

Bob quite naturally fell into diving. At the age of 16 he was the second person to enter the New England waters with a lung strapped to his back. His brother, ex-Navy frogman Jim Cahill, needed a diving buddy. Bob recalls his UDT style lessons with a chuckle now.

Since his first encounter in diving, Bob has assisted his brother, who owns one of the largest salvage companies in New England, on many diving operations. When he was just 17 years old, he dived in the Merrimack River in search of evidence for the infamous Clark murder case.

In 1953 he and Ernie Debner organized the New England Divers Frogman Club. Bob also organized and was president of the Neptune Underwater Team of Marblehead, Mass.

Throughout his four years at Boston University, he instructed scuba at the Beverly and Marblehead YMCA's and during the summers off the coast near his home in Marblehead. Also during his college summers, he managed a retail diving equipment shop and was salvage diver for Graves Yacht Yard. He also organized many treasure hunting expeditions. One of these treasure ventures was with the famed historian Edward Rowe Snow for a Spanish galleon off Cape Cod; another, in search of the great treasure ship Sagunta off the Isles of Shoals, New Hampshire. During the early fall of 1956 he joined his brother in a three-week salvage expedition sixty miles off the tip of Cape Cod for the sunken freighter Oregon. In the summer of 1957 he and two other divers salvaged the yacht Reveler from the depths off Breakers Hole Reef near Manchester, Mass.

In 1958, as a lieutenant in Army Security, he was sent to Eritrea, East Africa, for two years. There he did extensive diving in the Red Sea, recovering 200-year-old pottery from a bay in Massawa and discovered an old Italian war ship off the coast of Zula. Bob also instructed diving in the capital city of Asmara. Among his pupils were Italians, Eritreans, Americans, British and members of the Ethiopian Commando team. He also organized an Army diving team while there. During his Army hitch he traveled through Saudi-Arabia, Greece and Italy, diving in the Persian Gulf, the Mediterranean and lakes of Italy.

Upon his return to the states in January of 1960, he became sales representative in Rhode Island and Connecticut for New England Divers Inc. He also was head instructor at the Providence YMCA and instructed at the Pawtucket YMCA.

Bob and three other divers discovered and recovered the bodies of three men who were lost two years prior when their plane crashed into Long Island Sound.

His most hair-raising experience came when he met a sevenfoot barracuda in open water off the coast of Africa. And his most humorous, although not at the time, happened when his automobile rolled down a driveway, over a cliff and into the ocean. He had to go diving to retrieve it.

Bob is now public relations officer of the Hartford, Conn., Gilmen Diving Club and assists in scuba instruction at the Hartford YMCA. He is employed in the advertising division of the Aetna Casualty and Surety Company and is active in their new film on diving entitled, "What's Up Below."





## INLAND DIVERS NOTE! THERE COULD BE A DIVER'S DREAM RIGHT NEAR YOUR OWN BACKYARD

By PETE JAMERSON

(Photos by Roy Gaines)



FLORIDA, with its sandy beaches and beautiful coral formations; Nassau and the Bahamas, their gin-clear waters teeming with tropical fish and plentiful game; Southern California, with its kelp beds and succulent abalone. Truly prime diving sites. No need of the well-powdered wet suit here.

But what about those of us who, unfortunately, live too far away from these waters to take advantage of them? Well, for us, there is always the "good old quarry."

Actually, these abandoned, water-filled evidences of man's labor make interesting and challenging diving areas. For the most part, quarries are "dead" worlds and the water is cold enough to warrant a wet suit the year around. However, the visibility is good and, in most cases, depths range well over one hundred feet. Occasionally, one will find some form of plant life growing along the upper sides of rock cliffs and catfish, small mouth bass, perch and fresh water crayfish can be seen.

In most quarries the diver will stumble across many remains of the men and machines who worked these long abandoned rock pits. Shacks, sheds, erect telephone poles, ore cars, railroad tracks, even sunken row boats are to be found strewn in confusion along the bottom, one hundred feet down.

Free from ocean currents, fire coral, urchins, predators and other salt water diving hazards, the rock quarry makes an ideal diving site for the novice or beginners. Here the new diver can learn the techniques of buddy breathing, emergency ascents, decompression, and familiarize himself with his equipment at his leisure.

Quarry diving offers other challenges as well. In many cases this water is not readily accessible. Long treks over dirt ruts and back-breaking hikes often are necessary to reach the side. Add to this a set of doubles, rock-strewn slopes, poison ivy, and the rest of your gear and one realizes how truly dedicated the scuba diver is!

Rock quarries, though long in disuse, are still owned by someone. Therefore, play it safe and smart, and have a

A pair of quarry divers working out with snorkels. The bottoms of quarries are usually littered with evidences of man's presence... ore cars, railroad tracks, and other mining debris.





The smaller of the two quarries at Martinsburg, West Virginia. Entrance to the quarry is made through a submerged tunnel from a larger quarry nearby... and seventy-five feet below the surface.

release of liability drawn up and signed by your club for the owner. This will, in many cases, relieve you of the embarrassment of being asked, by a man with a shotgun, "what in H—— are you doing down there?" In addition, it helps further the idea that skin divers aren't such a bad, irresponsible lot after all.

Although quarries make good sites for the novice, don't get the idea that this kind of diving is not without its thrills and chills. One large quarry near Martinsburg, West Virginia, is connected to another equally big waterfilled pit by an underground tunnel, the roof of which is seventy-five feet down; the floor one hundred and ten. The tunnel runs for about one hundred feet and is pitch black and cold. Notwithstanding this, or perhaps having taken courage from the latest Cousteau book you've read, you traverse this ink-black passageway and enter the other quarry. There, unfortunately, you find the rock walls nearly perpendicular, or in other words-no way out. Nothing for it but to cross your fingers, close your eyes and hope you have enough air to get back again. In the total darkness, seventy-five feet down, your best bet is to inch along the roof of the tunnel. At least then you will know which direction is up. If you have been smart enough to use a guide line, and are careful, you will soon see light ahead.

The quarry also makes an ideal place in which to test new equipment. I know two divers who tried out the latest underwater towing device in a quarry near Kearnysville, West Virginia. They were having a ball until the battery ran down on the tow. Surfacing, they found themselves about a quarter of a mile from the only exit. They had a lot of fun snorkling back with near-empty tanks and towing the tow!

Yes, when the four hour drive and the two hour boat trip to some sort of clear ocean water seems just too much for both pocketbook and physical endurance, there's always "the good old quarry."



(Would you like a diving Pen Pal? Send in your name, age and address and we'll print it in the Junior Fin Fans column. Write to: Junior Fin Fans Underwater Mailbox, c/a Skin Diver Magazine, Lynwood, California.)

the well-known Brauer children went to find out after receiving an invitation to dive at the famous Marineland of the Pacific. You'll need just a few items, such as half a million gallons of salt water, a 275-pound porpoise, tons of fishy tidbits, a vast knowledge of ichthyology and the patience of a line fisherman.

Georgia (13), Jody (6) and Alexis (3), working with trainers Cliff Moore and Clark Bowers, soon had porpoise rising to the occasion for bits of fish. To attract the attention of the porpoise, they slapped the side of the tank or the surface of the water. Porpoise are playful, affectionate creatures and like to have their noses scratched. They were soon performing for the girls, playing ball, hauling small boats with dogs at the helm, singing, tooting horns, beating drums and leaping through a flaming hoop.

But diving with porpoise is even more fun, and Dave (11) joined Morris Fruitman, L. A. County Department of Parks and Recreation Aquatic Specialist, for a swim in the Sea Arena. The porpoise have a complicated system of communication, whistling and grunting as they cavort near the divers. One linguist reported they have a better "vocabulary" than two present day Indian tribes. They also have a great affinity toward man and there have been a number of recorded cases, from Grecian times to the present day,

where porpoises have helped swimmers in distress. Just for fun, David and Morris decided to test this theory. A life ring was thrown to David as he "thrashed" in water. The porpoise rushed to his aid and pushed him "ashore." This rescue trick is very natural to porpoise.

Dave Brown, one of the world's leading

Dave Brown, one of the world's leading authorities on marine mammals, explained some of the intriguing facts scientists know about porpoise. These small 12 foot whales (dolphin) are clever and swift. They can swim in excess of 22 miles per hour. They are next to man in intelligence, their neurological anatomy being comparable to the human brain in size, or proportion to body weight. They have a wide pattern of behavioral traits, showing inventiveness and ability to reason. There is proof, also, that they once walked on land. There are still skeletal traces of terrestrial forelimbs and pelvic bones.

Porpoise have certain physiological gifts. They use "sonar" to locate fish. They have excellent hearing ability and, of course, water is a good conductor of sound. They have no sense of smell, but their eyesight is good underwater. When they rise above the surface, however, scientists believe their vision is hazy. Try opening your eyes underwater, without your mask, and you'll see what they mean.

The swimming ability of the porpoise, 5 to 10 times more efficient than any ship, can be attributed to its body design and unusual skin. The two layers of skin

are bridged by connective tissue resulting in a pneumatic effect. Ship builders are now trying to incorporate these principles in building boats that have less resistance in the water and have now developed a type of "dolphin skin" for the hulls of model ships.

From the diver's viewpoint, however, the most promising research is being done by Dave Brown at Marineland. Dave has been Curator of Mammals at Marineland for eight years after an extensive background of study of marine fish and invertebrates at the London Zoo. He finds it difficult to discredit completely the many accounts of the porpoise's helpfulness to man. His present research concerns recording of the mammal's distress signals. When this signal is made, other porpoises rush to the aid of the endangered mammal. Knowing porpoise to be the prime enemy of shark, could a device be made that would imitate this signal? Furthermore, could divers using this device attract the friendly porpoise when shark are sighted? It may be possible that such a recording some day could bring, at long last, a workable shark repellent.

You can see why the Brauer children had a whale of a time at Marineland. After a swim with the educated porpoises, David Brauer dived in the big tank with over 5,000 ocean creatures including 300 pound sea turtles, 13 foot sawfish and a very beautiful mermaid, Judy Hoffman.

All the Brauers are excellent divers, although "Alex" is still in the learning stages. They have made numerous T.V. appearances and have participated in diving sports shows. Their dad, George, and uncle, Don Brauer, are marine photographers and have three diving shops in the Los Angeles area. Their T.V. show, "Territory Underwater," will be shown nation wide this year.

David works on their boat, the Rio Rita, as a deck hand. He's in the 6th grade and his favorite subject is reading. Georgia is in the 8th grade and likes math, art and music. Jody, a vivacious 1st grader, enjoys drawing and ballet. All but three-year-old Alex have decided on a career. Georgia wants to work in a diving shop—with her dad. Dave wants to be a skipper of a big boat—with his dad. Jody wants to have a diving shop—with her dad. As for Alex, we predict she'll want to go into some phase of diving—with her dad.

If you'd like more information about fabulous Marineland of the Pacific, write to:

Clyde Tussy, Public Relations Director Marineland of the Pacific Palos Verdes Estates, Calif.



David Brauer found "Smiley" to be a very playful, friendly diving buddy, though a little noisy underwater.



The eleven year old dolphin, very valuable, performs a tube rescue when she sees David in distress.

Georgia, Jody, David and Alex Brauer learn tricks of the dolphin training trade from trainer Cliff Moore as "Speedy" shows off in return for a fishy treat.

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#### PEN PALS

. . . I am 17, a good diver and I have a male companion, my cousin, Bill. We are looking for two female divers, so start writing girls.

Dave Wessler 5023 14th Ave. Brooklyn 19, N.Y.

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Second Annual GLASSPAR GAME FISH DERBY RESULTS

## CHICAGO CARP WINS GLASSPAR



Above, Jim Lee is admiring his new Glasspar Ava:on and below he shows the chunky fish that won it for him.



#### Spearfishing contest tremendous success; entries nationwide

A 34 pound, 8 ounce carp has won for Mr. James R. Lee of Chicago a brand new Glasspar sixteen foot Avalon runabout. Mr. Lee is shown in the accompanying photograph admiring his new boat.

Verified by Dan's Diving Den of Hazelton, Illinois, the carp netted a total of 1035 points to top all other entrants in the contest, though Paul von Leer of Terre Haute, Indiana, came close with a carp worth 1027.5 points. The difference in weight between the two fish was a mere four ounces, to make this one of the closest spearfishing contests on record.

Fish from each of the different classifications in the Derby were entered with one of the most interesting being the entry of Albert Kurtch of New Fairfield, Conn. Mr. Kurtch's fish, a Bonito weighing in at 148 pounds, was the apparent winner with a point total of 2960. Then Mr. Kurtch, in a sporting gesture that was prevalent throughout the contest, in-

formed the judges that he had re-read the rules and noted the clause about the fish being taken in the continental limits of the United States. He then disqualified himself, informing the judges that his winning fish was speared in the Red Sea off Eilat, Israel.

Entries were received from all parts of the United States and some fine catches were recorded. Among them was the 502 pound Giant Sea Bass speared by R. P. Bradley of Beeville, Texas. Another fighting catch in the Second Annual Glasspar Game Fish Derby was the 44½ pound barracuda taken by Paul Dammann of Perrine, Florida

In the Snapper classification, Jack Kearns walked away with the honors with a big 90 pounder. Kearns is from Miami, Florida.

California had its share of huge fish entered with Bill Paddock of Baldwin Park a good example. His 48 pound Yellowtail took the honors in that classification. Another Californian, Bob Caruso of Los Angeles, led in the White Sea Bass division with a beautiful 65 pound giant.

The East Coast was well represented with Chester Hoynoski's 21½ pound Sheepshead and Charles Krogslund's 11 pound, 3 ounce Tautog. Hoynoski is from West Springfield, Mass. and Krogslund from Middletown, New York.

Representing the great north west, and another division winner, was Donald W. Johnson of Port Angeles, Washington. His 53½ pound Ling Cod was best in this classification.

It is apparent that as the Gasspar Derby increases in scope each year, more and more areas of the country are participating. Some of the best spearfishermen in the United States have been listed among the contestants. Next year should be a real battle once again.



Photo by Ken Simpson shows Jack Kearns and his huge Snapper.

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A near miss was Jerry Bastian's 60½ pound White Sea Bass in the Glasspar Fishing Derby.



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Bill Paddock displays his 48 pound Yellowtail, speared off the coast of California.



A giant  $44\frac{1}{2}$  pound Barracuda took the honors in that classification for Paul Dammann.

## IS THE DRY SUIT HEADED FOR EXTINCTION?

By G. A. Ross Cowan

Not too many readers with a real interest in modern diving will even remember the now extinct passenger pigeon. He was a creature of beauty, providing sport for the hunter and meat for his table, but man in his thoughtlessness, without giving any consideration to the benefits that this bird might bring to future generations of man, allowed it to become forever extinct.

Man does seem to be trying to think up some way to save the great whooping crane from the same fate and the success or failure of his efforts may not be known for years to come.

The much maligned dry suit has been the subject of criticism for too long a time. It is necessary first to make some admissions that dry suit users have been avoiding for years. A rapid descent has caused many an ear drum explosion-yes, explosion, not implosion due to the simple principle of Boyle's Law. Without a thorough understanding of the why or wherefore from a high school physics or chemistry point of view divers have learned, sometimes the hard way, how to avoid the difficulty, namely by lifting the edge of the hood face opening from each cheek and allowing water under the hood and thus to the outer ear canal. Others attempt to wear the mask with its skirt under the edge of the hood and explain that they simply exhale through the nose and the air obligingly passes out under the mask skirt and travels under the hood to the outer ear.

The author of this article has been teaching swimming for nearly forty years and operating a diving school for over nine of the forty with a safety record unsurpassed in the world—not one fatality during training, or for that matter, to a graduate anywhere—yet.

An early double ear drum rupture by an associate diver, in fact the very first graduate student, started a long period of reasoning. This was stimulated by a personal double explosion on a fast emergency dive to only forty-five feet in the hope of rescuing possible survivors that might be trapped in an air pocket in a sunken tug boat.

To solve a production line problem the great Henry Ford was said to have put a lazy man on the troublesome position and he would work out a simple solution. This dry suit problem must be solved as it was a completely untenable situation to accept either one of the two practiced methods. From a practical point of view either one simply introduced to the dry suit the principle of the wet suit, in so far as the head, at least, was concerned, and although some wet suit users will argue to the contrary perhaps to the end of time, the best way to keep warm in cold water, in a cold country, in the winter, is to keep dry.

Dry suits are simple to maintain, or so we think, and here again this is a matter of relativity and subject to lots of comment and perhaps the statement should be simplified by stating that "under similar circumstances or conditions of use it is the author's opinion . . ."

Dry suits do not require tailoring to the same fit tolerance as the wet suit—they pack away for transportation much handier and are available in good serviceable quality for less than half the price of a quarter-inch wet suit which is the only weight that could even be considered for winter use here.

The author has had the necessary training to work out the solution to the only serious problem of the dry suit since the invention of the purging tube.

The patent is now pending in the United States Patent Office for the simple device which removes forever the hazard of ear drum explosion from the use of the dry suit although the diver must still pressurize the internal ear just as is required when diving with the ears uncovered. This is, of course, required with wet suits, too.

The equipment required is called an "ear pressure pod" and is not unlike the side gunners turret on a "Catalina flying boat." They are rubber cups shaped like small hats filled with foam plastic and fixed on any dry suit by simple rubber cement over the sides of the hood low enough to clear the mask strap. A small hole is cut in the skin of the suit over the location of the ear canal so that as the diver descends and the pod collapses the pressure of the water is transferred to the outside of the ear drum and there is, at last, no more difficulty to dry suit diving than scuba diving clad only in swim suit-and all automatically.

It is hoped that the pressure pods will be available on the market very soon for a retail price of under ten dollars.

## News Current

NEWS FROM AROUND THE GLOBE COMPILED AND EDITED IN SKIN DIVER OFFICES. Local diving news from readers welcomed.

CLEARWATER, FLORIDA-Harvesting food underwater is not as far-fetched as most believe. In fact a group at the Clearwater Marina, Diving Unlimited, are locating and mapping algae beds in the Gulf of Mexico as part of a study by the University of

NEW YORK, NEW YORK-Television personality Hugh Downs plans exploring the Andrea Doria this fall. Hugh is an avid skin

HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA—Sharp-eyed critics have spotted a boner in the underwater movie "Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea." Michael Ansara sports a Vandyke beard in all his scenes except when diving. Undoubtedly Mike had a double for the diving scenes and no one thought the beard would be missed.

NEAH BAY, WASHINGTON-Thirteen-year-old Jimmy Ray put his diving to work in helping a red-faced fisherman recover his auto and boat trailer from the briny. The youngs'ers took a towing cable underwater and attached it to the car. Jimmy's father, Mel Ray, hauled away with his tower and pulled the car to dry land with Jimmy in the car steering it up the ramp behind the cable.

GALVESTON, TEXAS-A diving survey southeast of Galveston in the Gulf of Mexico's famed flower garden revealed that in another thousand years two new islands will be formed. This report was announced after nearly a year's exploration of the two potential islands lead by Dr. Thomas E. Pulley, biologist and director of the Houston Museum of Natural Science. Dr. Pulley explained that underwater coral reefs have climbed to within 70 feet of the surface at both sites in areas where the Gulf is about 300 feet deep. Thirty-five divers from Houston, Dallas, Austin, Beaumont, Lake Jackson, La Porte, Freeport and other areas are assisting the biologist in exploring the two sites. These living coral reefs are 500 miles farther north in the Gulf than such coral has ever been found. A third formation at Stetson bank does not have the living coral growing on it. Rock outcroppings have been found more than 30 million years old-mid-Miocene era.

DRUMMOND ISLAND, MICHIGAN-Divers Tom Fortner and John Yuma have discovered one of two scuttled British cannon near their last outpost at the mouth of the St. Mary's River. Only about eight inches of the big iron muzzle protruded from the bottom. Records indicate that when the British turned Fort Collyer over to the incoming American troops in 1827, they scuttled a bronze cannon and an iron one. They also recovered brass regimental badges and found a timbered crib filled with rocks and believed to have been the substructure of a British landing wharf.

WILMINGTON, DELAWARE—A woman angler scored a fishing first recently while fishing for stripers from the south jetty at Indian River Inlet, Mrs. Helen Columbo reported feeling a strike and as she set the hook and prepared to reel in the catch, the tension on the line eased . . . her catch had come to the surface voluntarily . . . it was a diver. A second diver surfaced and helped remove the hook from his partner's swim suit. The Indiana State Game and Fish Commission said it was the first time a diver had been "caught" in this area.

ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA-Fifteen-year-old Bill Vaughan discovered the remains of an extinct Ice Age bear while skin diving in Devil's Den Springs, near Ocala, Florida. Smithsonian paleontologists have identified the bones brought to them by the young diver as the fossil remains of Tremarctos Floridanus, a bear that lived a million years ago. Bill found the bones half-buried in silt 45 feet beneath the surface. The bones recovered by the diver are the only known remains of the ancient animal.

WASHINGTON, D.C.-Navy divers Bob Black and Bob Dykes recovered a wrecked safe, two empty jewel cases and a small metal box in which was part of \$31,000 in jewelry stolen from a patent attorney.

KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYA-The world's largest turtles may be in danger of becoming extinct. However, divers hope to perpetuate their existence by helping newborn turtles into the water. The huge turtles weigh a ton when full grown. Prof. J. R. Hendrickson, head of the department of zoology at the University of Malaya, says only about a thousand pairs of the full grown giant turtles are believed to be in existence. Prof. Hendrickson's team of divers have put 200 baby turtles into the sea near **Dungun** over a large area so as not to attract schools of fish. The baby weighs only about an ounce and has many enemies.

WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA-Undoubtedly the youngest bunch of skin divers in the nation who have officially organized into a club are the Aquamites. Eighteen water happy tots from three to seven clambered constantly for their swimming teacher, Alma Beck, to take them diving with her. So they formed a club and Alma taught the youngsters the basic fundementals of skin diving and ventured into the ocean with them this summer. Alma, incidentally, is well known to SDM readers as an avid spearfishing follower. She has entered many competitions, winning state championships and also the Nationals in 1959.

PEARL HARBOR, HAWAII-The increasing number of deep diving Islanders stricken by the bends has become a matter of major concern to the Navy. The officer in charge of the two Navy recompression chambers at the Pearl Harbor Submarine Base reports that most of the eleven bends cases treated this year were very serious. The officer said that a patient hasn't been lost yet, but a couple were touch and go for a while. Improper diving procedures and an ignorance of sensible diving techniques were blamed for causing the bends. The officer advised all divers to obtain a copy of the Navy's decompression diving tables and follow them. He added that if a civilian were to pay for the use of the recompression chamber, it would cost them at least three

SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS-Diver Roger Haynes successfully recovered a would-be suicide victim from the Connecticut River. After a two hour perch on a narrow ledge of the Memorial Bridge, a young man reportedly distraught over domestic problems, lost his grip and plunged 60 feet into the river. Within seconds, Roger Haynes, a member of the Massachusetts Sea Lions Club, in a waiting boat, jumped over and quickly reached the young man and pulled him back to the boat. The distraught man was then rushed to the hospital for treatment.

MARLBOROUGH, CONNECTICUT—The nearness and quick thinking of a diver has been credited with saving the life of a year old girl. The youngster was pulled from Lake Terramaugus and believed dead. Louis Fiora who came by just as the girl was taken from the lake, revived the child with mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. Fiora was at the lake on a job to recover an outboard motor. He reported the baby was blue when respiration was started.

DULUTH, MINNESOTA—Three divers, Gerald Dahlgren, Robert Childs, and Lawrence Waldun, have discovered the wreckage of a 150 foot three masted schooner in 45 feet of water off the west breakwater at Two Harbors. The vessel is believed to be the Samuel P. Ely that went down 65 years ago.

MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN-Wisconsin divers will be able to have a ringside seat on the salvage work on the Prins Willem V. Doug Davenport, news director of WISN-TV, will take underwater footage of the salvage work to show the area's television viewers. A contract to salvage the ship has been granted to Orville Halvorsen and Clark Willick.

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Technifacts is a new feature and will be used in SDM as readers dictate. If you have a technical or scientific problem or question on oceanography or any related field, send it to Technifacts, e/o Skin Diver Magazine, Box 111, Lynwood, California.

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Q. On a recent trip to Catalina, I noticed a very unusual fish which I have never seen before in eight years of diving. The fish was inside a shell on the bottom of sea floor at about 150 ft. I brought it to the surface and removed it from the shell. It had a very large head in comparison to its body, very fine serrated teeth, and its body from the head back was white and discolored, very degenerate and twisted to the shape of the shell in a spiral. What is this fish and does it always live in this shell? T.R.E. Santa Clara, Calif.

A. The fish you mentioned could only be the "Sarcastic fringehead" or more properly known as Neoclinus blanchardi. This fish and the phenomena you witnessed is quite rare. What you observed was the male of the species guarding the eggs that the female had previously laid inside the shell. Since the period of incubation is several weeks, the male's body becomes misshapen and concentrated body fluids cause the lightening of the skin. After the "wee ones" emerge the male is believed to have little chance of survival since he has gone without food for a considerable time and his body is no longer hard, but a mass of soft, white goody for some other predator.

Q. I have a double 72 cu. ft. tank and would like to know, if when I pull the reserve valve, do I have 5 minutes per tank or just 5 minutes? I would also like to know if my two stage regulator would still work if one or the other of the stages broke down while in use. Would I still get air from one of the stages? Also does a double 72 cu. ft. hold more air than a triple? Mr. R.N. Hamilton, Ontario, Canada.

A. 1. You have approximately 5 minutes left when you pull that reserve, depending at what depth you are.

2. Due to the complexity of a two stage regulator it would be hard to say what might or might not happen if one or the other stage broke down. However, I doubt whether you would get any air. If this did occur and the air was suddently not coming through to you, simply, without panicking, remove your regulator and put your mouth up to the valve, and by regulating the air by hand return to the surface.

3. A triple what? A triple 38 cu. ft. would hold approximately 114 cu. ft., a triple 44 would hold approximately 132 cu. ft., and a triple 72 would hold—well, you figure it out!

Q. If air were left stored in a cylinder would it ever become stale? Also, what type of filter is best to reduce the haze in underwater B & W photography? Mr. A. H., Chicago, Ill.

A. Air left in a cylinder, depending upon the type of cylinder, would no doubt eventually become what we consider stale to our taste. This is due to the fact that although this air has been "dried" through filters it still contains a small percentage of water vapor that is impossible to eliminate, and if it were, would make the air so dry your mouth would pucker up. Nevertheless, this water vapor can and will condense on the sides of the cylinder, and if the cylinder is not lined will take on the taste of the metal. The whole idea of air being stale is relative to one's taste, and this will vary with each individual. As far as the problem of haze underwater is concerned, it depends upon what you are referring to, sediments? plankton? lack of proper light? The only thing I can suggest is to try a normal haze filter used in outdoor B & W photography. This would be a medium-red, either Harrison or Ednalite, and stop your camera down 1½ to 2 f stops.

Q. Is it legal to spear game fish in Lake Mead, Nevada? J. M., Albuquerque, N.M.

A. "Non-game fish may be taken in any waters with spear and/or bow and arrow during open season. It is unlawful to take game fish by spear and/or bow and arrow. No restrictions are placed on any of the equipment used in underwater spearfishing and skin diving. Fishing license is not required." (Nevada Fish and Game Commission, 1957) In order to keep up to date and to learn any new changes it is recommended that you write to the Nev. F & G Comm., Carson City, Nev.

Q. Could you give us more information regarding the pure air testing kit you mentioned in the Sept. issue? D.G.S., Walla Walla, Wash.

A. Technifacts has been flooded with requests for this particular item. Due to the fact that carbon monoxide is a very toxic gas especially in small amounts under pressure and when used by a diver, we are looking into the availability of a cheap, but reliable kit. The one mentioned in the September issue is an industrial unit and very expensive. We have also been informed that there are some other possibilities that might be explored. We will compile all the available data and present it in the next issue.

Q. I am a professional man, and a scientist, that has a desire to contact the same type of persons in the diving world here in the Los Angeles area. Do you know of any group in Southern California with whom I can meet and dive? R.F.J., BSc, Los Angeles, Calif.

A. You might contact "Divers Scientifica," c/o Technifacts, SDM, Lynwood, Calif. This group is a professional scientific organization that is interested in contacting as many different scientists in this area as possible due to their diversification. They are particularly interested in contacting chemists, engineers, physicists, and ecologists.

#### **BOATING DIVERS**

Send us suggestions to improve boats for diving... anything to make your inboard or outboard, your skiff or yacht safer, more convenient and more enjoyable for diving. Each suggestion published in SDM will net a two-year subscription.

Carroll White Mandeville Road Covington, Louisiana

An easy way to put on a wet suit, is to turn the suit inside out. Now put your hand or foot into the cuff of the suit and push your arm or leg through like putting on a coat. The suit will peel on with no trouble or talcum.

Howard J. Stone 188 Fox Street Buffalo 11, New York

With an electric wood burning tool or a small soldering iron you can easily burn identification initials or designs on equipment. Put the marks on the underside of fins, and other places where they will not be too noticeable. You can even melt initials on lead weights.

Gerald K. Thorpe 2363 N. 65th St. Milwaukee 13, Wisconsin

A simple, safe and practical marker buoy can easily be made from an empty plastic detergent bottle. Simply drill a small hole through the top of the cap and fasten a screw eye to it with two nuts. A large buoy can be made from a one gallon plastic bleach bottle, which usually has a tying handle already on it.

Raoul G. Rehrer 6405 Santona St. #1 Coral Gables 46, Fla.

For an effective non-abrasive, nonskid surface, lay a piece of fiberglass window screening on the surface to be treated, then paint over and through it with epoxy paint. One or two coats will cover and hold the screening yet retain the woven texture, which will prevent skids but not sand your hide off. Works fine on surf or paddle boards, too.

Albert R. Montesi 4 Bartlett Road Danvers, Mass.

The new tubular boarding ladders made of aluminum tubing have a tendency to float up after hanging over the side of a boat. To keep them from floating I tied two of my weights to the bottom rung, now it stays down in the water where it belongs . . . at least until the tubing fills with water.

Jeff Slocomb 39 W. 67th St. New York 23, N. Y.

When the two ends of a straightened clothes hanger are sewn tightly to the corners of the white stripe of a Divers Flag, making the flag taut, and another down the other way through the middle of the flag, it will keep the flag displayed on a windless day and also keep it from flapping around on a windy day. It is then much easier to see.

#### The Deepest Dive Ever Made

A record dive of 728 feet in the cold, dark waters of Lake Maggiore in Switzerland and back to the surface was safely accomplished recently by a young Swiss inventor and a magazine editor. Hannes Keller, 26, a former mathematics teacher, and Life magazine Senior Editor Kenneth MacLeish, as an observer, made the descent and return in 60 minutes.

According to rules that govern current diving practice, the dive and safe return from it within such a short time is imposible without incurring the risk of the bends, the crippling, sometimes fatal decompression sickness. The previous world's record dive of 600 feet, made in 1956 by a Royal Navy boatswain named George Wookey, required twelve hours of decompression time. Keller and MacLeish were able to succeed in their mission by using Keller's revolutionary and still secret method of supplying various combinations of gases at different underwater levels. The amounts of the secret gas mixtures and the depths at which they are applied were determined by a series of mathematical tables formulated by Keller and Dr. Albert Bühlmann, a physiologist at the University of Zurich.

Each diver was dressed in several layers of clothing, including a tight-fitting foamrubber "wet" suit, long underwear, sweat suits, wool socks and a "dry" suit made of rubber-coated cloth. A soft rubber helmet with mask and mouthpiece was sealed to the neck of the suit with a pair of steel rings. Thus swaddled and waterproofed, the men were protected against the cold-water dep.hs that were only four degrees above freezing.

The descent was made from a big raft equipped with a large pulley wheel rigged by cable to a small platform or diving stage. (The platform was required to carry six tall gas tanks from which the gas mixtures were supplied.) Before entering the water, Keller and MacLeish breathed deeply from oxygen tanks for about an hour. Then, with air hoses and telephone lines connected and with emergency supply tanks strapped to their backs, they stepped onto the diving stage and were lowered beneath the surface.

During the dive there were eight gas mixture changes (four going down and four coming up). For the first 160 feet the divers were air-fed by a long drop line tube attached to tanks aboard the raft. At a depth of 55 meters the drop line was disconnected and the terminals of the air hoses were switched to the gas-mixture tanks lashed to the diving platform. A few minutes later, at the 330-ft. level, connections were made to a deep-water mixture of gases. But the "air" was bitterly cold and there was barely enough of it breathe until terminals were tied into a reserve tank.

The last stage of the descent was made rapidly, in utter darkness relieved only by the glow of flashlights. The final estimated depth (700 feet—about 50 feet above the lake bottom) was reached only seven minutes and 30 seconds after entering the water.

The divers stayed there only a few moments, pausing only long enough to scribble messages to each other on Lucite slates. Keller wrote: "Cold, but oho!"

The long, dangerous ascent was made in slow stages, changing the gas mixture and waiting out the necessary decompression time to reduce the possibility of the bends. The last 50 feet took 26 minutes.

At that stage, MacLeish relates, he noticed that Keller had blood and foam inside his mask. But Keller shrugged it off. Later, they learned it was an "ear squeeze," painful but not serious.

Keller and MacLeish broke the surface just one hour after they had begun the dive! The sealed-and-witnessed depth recorder was opened. It showed 222 meters: 728 feet. A new world's record.

To celebrate the event, crewmen, official observers and the divers drank champagne from a hollow plastic figurine of a mermaid that had been attached to the platform during the dive.

The dive was witnessed by a official observer from the U. S. Navy, Lieut. Commander Charles Aquadro.



#### Miami YMCA Scuba Training Course Started

Miami's downtown YMCA recently instituted a program of co-educational scuba diver training in conjunction with adoption of a national aquatic safety course.

"The Greater Miami area has some of the finest waters for diving in the continental U. S., and we are pleased to offer scuba training in addition to our many other activities," said J. P. Leveritt, director of physical training at the "Y."

We find that scuba training improves muscular, respiratory and cardiovascular fitness of the individual, thus providing an added margin of safety—especially in an emergency," Leveritt said.

"The courses have proven very popular," Leveritt added, "and we have numerous instances of two or more members of a single family attending the bi-weekly classes together."

Chief instructor in the YMCA scuba program is Philip N. Amero, former operator of a New England diving school, and well-known to Skin Diver Magazine readers for his may contributions as well as his keen interests in water and diving safety.

#### \$850,000 Pool To Be Dedicated

The wonderful world of aquatics—from water ballet to water polo—will be saluted when the City of Commerce, Calif., dedicates its \$850,000 Aquatorium, December 6-10, 1961.

The Aquatorium, a dream of the Commerce city fathers even before the city was incorporated in January, 1960, will be the most modern recreational area in the country. The main building, 100 by 180 feet, houses two swimming pools—one for instruction and the use of young swimmers and the other for general use and for competition.

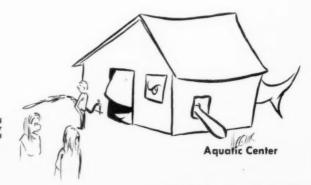
From the inaugural ceremonies December 6, under the direction of Al Tillman, to the closing Admiral's Ball finale on Saturday night, December 10, the focus will be on the aquatic world. Swimmers, divers, and competitive teams from all over the world, have been invited to participate in the aquatic spectatcular. King Neptune will reign as dignitaries pour flasks of water from all the great rivers and seas of the world into the waters of the Aquatorium.

#### Calif. DFG Permit Required For Suction Dredging

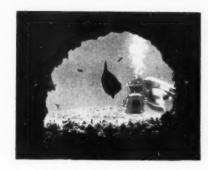
Effective September 15, by law adopted by the 1961 State Legislature, before any person uses any vacuum or suction dredge equipment in any river, stream or lake in California he must submit a permit application to the Department of Fish and Game specifying the type and size of equipment to be used and the locations where such equipment will be used, reminds the DFG.

If the department determines that the operation will not be harmful to fish, it will issue a permit to the applicant. If the applicant operates any equipment other than specified in the permit, or conducts such operation outside the area designated in the permit, or if any person conducts such an operation without first securing a permit, he will be guilty of a misdemeanor under terms of the law.

Permit applications and the permits may be obtained from Department of Fish and Game offices.



"I'll be so glad when John gets over this spearfishing craze . . ."



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#### Fifth International Underwater Film Festival

"King Neptune's Underwater Zoo" is the theme for the 1962 International Un-derwater Film Festival on January 6 and 7, 1962, at the Santa Monica Civic Auditorium. Al Tillman, president of Underwater Film Festival Inc., who has just completed an around-the-U.S. tour and corresponding with Worldwide Festival representatives reports comprehensive studies of strange sea creatures. "The outstanding underwater photographers have been limiting their efforts to detailed studies of a single phenomenon," says Till-man. "It's far more exciting to see a complete episode in the life of one of these creatures than a mere glimpse. It's not only scientifically of great value, but it's breathtakingly entertaining. The audience will be on the edge of their seats throughout the festival."

Sharks continue to dominate the interest circle for most divers and a series special shark films has been prepared for previewing on January 6. The giant previewing on January 6. The giant octopi of Puget Sound starring in a new film being prepared for the Seattle World Fair will also be on view.

Spearfishing will be closely analyzed in a

number of films through which the audience will stalk the most challenging creatures of the sea with world champions. Names such as De Sanctis, Craig, Cousteau, Hass, Boren, Church, and Ollis are now in nomination for their film achievements of the past year. Final selections by the Festival committee will not be made until a few weeks before the event. Winners of the Underwater Photographic Exhibition will also be featured.

Deadline for entries in the competition is December 14, 1961. Judging will be De-

cember 15-16, 1961.

This year, the Festival has prepared an interesting package program of deluxe charter diving, photography clinics, and the big film showings for out-of-towners. Interested parties can secure detailed information by writing Underwater Film Festival, attn.: General Manager Paul Mc-Comack, care of Skin Diver Magazine.

#### Scientists Head for Islands To Study Poisonous Marine Life

Dr. Bruce Halstead, author of "Dan-gerous Marine Animals" is presentely in the Hawaiian Islands for a detailed study of poisonous and toxic marine species. His study will include both organisms which are capabale of inflicting poison by spines, biting, etc. and specimens which are poi-

sonous or toxic to eat.

Accompanying Dr. Halstead is wellknown West Coast diver Bob Retherford, who will handle the photographic end of the expedition. Retherford is a member of the Underwater Photographic Society and a medal winner in the last International Film Competition. He plans to use both motion picture and still camera to record

the specimens underwater.

Live and frozen specimens will be brought back for further study and a comprehensive report is expected on the government sponsored five week trip.



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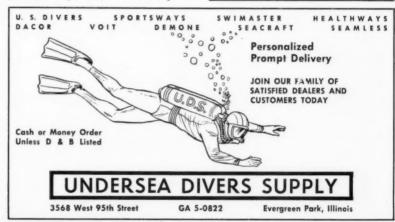
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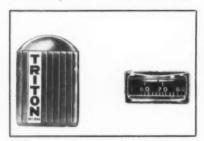
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sharks. A couple of clues as to their intent are the positioning of the pectoral fins and the speed and manner of their swimming. These in the pass were not to be taken lightly. They swam fast and erratically, almost with snaps or jerks of their body. The pectoral fins were slanted down, perhaps 30 degrees off the horizontal. The mouth slightly open and the nose tilted very slightly up. They really leave no doubt as to their ferocity and danger.\*

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backed up by Russell Hall who tends the dredge and Joe's signal and hookah lines. Russ wears a suit also and the men operate as a skilled team to wrestle the big dredge in the swift water. Oliver Baysinger works the beach rigging and doubles as chef, putting out meals that would do credit to a resort hotel, with wild game and fish dominant on the menu. Virginia Adams, Joe's wife, is the gold separation expert, accountant, alter-ego and all around spark plug. Her enthusiasm and drive are a real asset to the team and she works alongside the others hour for hour. Mealtime finds Virginia cast as the good looking waitress, dealing 'em off the arms and laughing it up with the crew and the inevitable curious visitors.

Life for Joe has always been a gamble, but of a different kind. As a contractor in the far north he progressed far and was committed to the game until a combination of human nature and circumstances changed the picture quickly and completely. One day he found himself out of business and facing the consequences.

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around, and he probably knows more at this time about swift water diving than any other individual in this part of the country. Contrary to some, his attitude is open and friendly, and his ability impresses others far more than himself. Without hesitation he will offer facts and tricks of the trade for the benefit of others that most divers would guard as trade secrets. This open minded attitude toward fellow enthusiasts is shared by all the members of the group and is the source of much valuable data for other divers with similar problems and less experience. Joe says, among other things, that the idea of gold not settling in fast water is wrong. He has proved that there is more gold right out in the middle of the torrent than there is in the quiet holes.

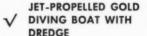
The factors that make for a successful operation in this field of adventure are all obvious in this mining team-The cooperation and flexibility of viewpoint among the individual members keeps the job running smoothly. Little is said about the borderline risks being taken, but the care and attention shown and the quick reaction to orders and changes give the key to the situation. Nobody is kidding himself. It could all end in disaster in a matter of seconds and every one of them knows it. But the nerve and drive with which they approach the task overcomes problems that would stop many people of a different nature.

On the day the eight inch dredge arrived, it was finally assembled at eleven o'clock p.m. Joe promptly decided to "try her out" and proceeded to don his cold and clammy suit, drag the gear down the cliff and flop into the river to go to work. It's been like that, with time out for exhaustion for

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The team has learned a lot about processing the sand and gravel after it leaves the dredge riffles. Their recovery percentage is ninety. Joe can go over the same ground that the huge Klondike gold dredges have passed over, and make good returns with the methods he and his team have worked out and perfected. From watching his process it appears obvious that many divers spill the gold back out again from inexeperienced handling of the dredge and insufficient re-working of the gold bearing sand after the initial recovery. In his experience he has sorted out the equipment too, and has some definite ideas about pumps, compressors, and diving gear. Consistent application of this knowledge has assured Joe and his team of a fair certainty of gold in the riffles.

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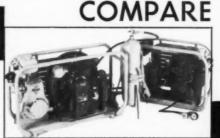
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OROVILLE, CALIFORNIA - Deputy sheriff divers, Raymond Swett and Robert Phippen discovered a 25 pound aerial bomb in the Feather River. Recovery of the bomb proved it a dud practice type.

LEE, MASSACHUSETTS-Ten revolvers found on the bottom of a water filled lime quarry off Marble Street by divers are being checked by state police for identification. The divers making the discovery were Richard Rische and Milton Musbach of the Berkshire Skin Diving Club.

MACKINAW CITY, MICHIGAN - The wreckage of an ancient steamer in the Straits of Mackinac has been discovered by visiting Florida divers, Jim Mercer, Art Viskine and Lud Millhause.

SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA—A thousand dollars worth of typewriters, electric tools and other equipment was discovered in ten feet of water off La Jolla Cove by divers Douglas Sherman, B. A. Treahy, Lester Marks, and William Hilbist. The equipment which filled the trunk of a squad car had not been in the ocean long and believed the loot of several recent burglaries.

MURRELLS INLET, SOUTH CARO-LINA—South Carolina's new man-made fishing reef is attracting large numbers of salt water fish. Mickey Spillane, mystery writer, was photographed by Life Magazine staff members diving at the reef during the Sun Fun Festival.

MONTAUK POINT, NEW YORK—King John and his Magna Carta were brought into a court fight over the rights of divers to use the Atlantic Ocean off Montauk Point, Attorney-diver Murray Seliger who started a test case on the legality of re-stricting any group from using the Atlantic Ocean - particularly divers - maintained through his lawyer that King John's Magna Carta, handed down in 1215, guaranteed the right of every freeman to "fish, bathe, navigate and swim." "Our courts have repeatedly stated and restated this public right, all waterways according to ancient law were to be held for all of the people,' the diver brought forth in court. Seliger claims the East Hampton ordinance barring divers from Montauk Point is discriminatory and unconstitutional because it changes the character of the Atlantic Ocean from public to private domain.







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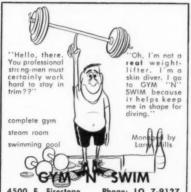
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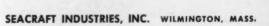
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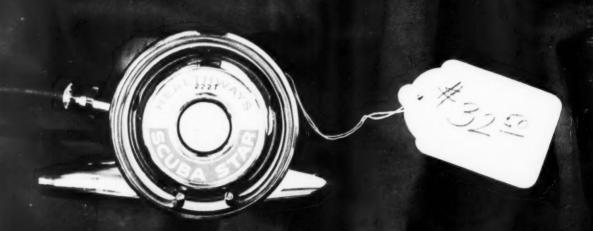


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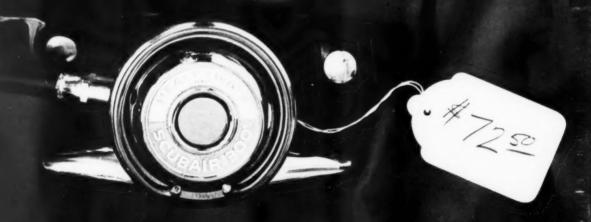
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